Assembly Resolution No. 1229

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CONGRATULATING Harold Clark upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service in business, philanthropy, and civic leadership

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge and commend individuals of outstanding character and achievement who have rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to their communities and this great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Harold Clark upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service in business, philanthropy, and civic leadership; and

WHEREAS, A native of New Hartford, New York, Harold Clark was raised in a family deeply rooted in both entrepreneurial enterprise and community engagement, influences which helped shape his lifelong commitment to business excellence and public service; and

WHEREAS, Building upon these foundations, Harold Clark established himself as a prominent and successful businessman; since 1986, he has served as the head of Mac-Clark Restaurants, an organization which owns and operates numerous McDonald's franchises across Oneida, Herkimer, and Broome Counties; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his accomplishments in the restaurant industry, Harold Clark has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the financial sector as Chairman of the Board of Adirondack Bank, further exemplifying his business acumen and dedication to regional development, including the revitalization of key commercial properties in the City of Utica; and

WHEREAS, Harold Clark's career is further distinguished by his extensive and impactful philanthropic efforts, particularly in support of children and families in need, including his service as past President of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York and his involvement with numerous charitable and nonprofit organizations throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding charitable work and leadership, Harold Clark has received numerous honors, including prestigious national and regional awards, reflecting both his generosity and his commitment to improving the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated alumnus of Utica College, Harold Clark has maintained a lifelong relationship with his alma mater, becoming its first million-dollar donor, serving as an emeritus member of its Foundation Board of Trustees, and receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws

degree in recognition of his extraordinary service and support; and

WHEREAS, His contributions to education are further exemplified through his support of campus facilities and programs, including the establishment of the Harold T. Clark Sr. Athletic Center, honoring his family's legacy and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Beyond his professional and philanthropic endeavors, Harold Clark has given generously of his time and leadership to numerous civic and community organizations, including financial institutions, charitable foundations, youth programs, and regional development initiatives, thereby strengthening the fabric of his community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Harold Clark has exemplified integrity, vision, and a deep sense of responsibility to others, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues, peers, and community members alike; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the remarkable career of Harold Clark, whose entrepreneurial success, financial leadership, and steadfast commitment to philanthropy have left an enduring legacy in his community and throughout the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Harold Clark upon the occasion of his retirement, and to honor him for his many years of exemplary service to his community and the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harold Clark.