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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the successful operations of Gillinder Glass in Port Jervis, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the achievements of individuals and businesses which contribute substantially to the economic health and vitality of the communities of the State of New York, and to their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the successful operation of Gillinder Glass in Port Jervis, New York; and

WHEREAS, Gillinder Glass, located at 39 Erie Street in Port Jervis' West End, is now in its 100th year; and

WHEREAS, William T. Gillinder, who was born and raised in England, founded Gillinder Glass in 1861 in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, In 1912, three Gillinder brothers, grandsons of William, bought the glass plant in Port Jervis formerly known as Orange County Flint Glass Work and, in January 1913, opened the plant as Gillinder Brothers; and

WHEREAS, Today, Gillinder Glass is owned and operated by sixth-generation Charles Gillinder; and

WHEREAS, Gillinder Glass is primarily an industrial and commercial specialty glass manufacturer; and

WHEREAS, About 50 percent of the airport runway lights used in the United States, as well as landscape lighting and glass for other lighting applications, is manufactured at Gillinder Glass; and

WHEREAS, Gillinder Glass's historic factory is open for tours and demonstrations of glass pressing during regular weekday production and for glass blowing with guest glass artists during special weekend events; and

WHEREAS, Businesses, such as Gillinder Glass, and its owners and employees, exert a strong, positive influence on the communities and businesses they serve and are an essential component of the economy of the Empire State, and of the quality of life of its communities; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the success it has worked so hard to achieve; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the successful operations of Gillinder Glass in Port Jervis, New York; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles Gillender.