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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Frank Giotto upon the occasion of his designation as 2012 Business Person of the Year by the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Frank Giotto upon the occasion of his designation as 2012 Business Person of the Year by the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the annual membership meeting of the Chamber, to be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro, New York; and

WHEREAS, Frank Giotto is president and founder of Giotto Enterprises, which is composed of nine companies that employ 350 people in the Mohawk Valley Region of New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Frank Giotto founded the largest of his companies, Fiber Instrument Sales, Inc. in Oriskany, New York; it is a leading distributor and manufacturer of hundreds of fiber optic products including cable assemblies, connectors, and test equipment; the company serves customers throughout the United States and in 110 countries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Frank Giotto founded two other fiber optic companies, HS Blue and The Light Connection; he also founded Force Guided Relays, a manufacturer of industrial safety devices, and Molding Solutions Inc., an injection molding services company; and

WHEREAS, Giotto Enterprises also includes Fermer Precision, a CNC machining firm; Energy Efficient Products, a supplier of LED lighting

and solar panels; Max L Cowen's Student Stores, a distributor of school and office supplies; and Mohawk Valley Jet Service, a premier charter jet service that operates from Griffiss International Airport; and WHEREAS, A highly respected fiber optics expert, Frank Giotto authored the FIS Laboratory Manual, a popular addition to the fiber optics curriculum taught at many colleges, universities and technical schools; and

WHEREAS, A 1971 graduate of Utica College, where he received his bachelor's degree in mathematics, Frank Giotto served as a member of the College's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Frank Giotto has received numerous honors including the Utica College Alumni Achievement Award (2006), the Mohawk Valley Community College Alumnus of Merit Award (2002), and the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Ernst and Young (2001); and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Frank Giotto as the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce 2012 Business Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Frank Giotto upon the occasion of his designation as 2012 Business Person of the Year by the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frank Giotto.