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RESOLUTION NO. 12-01

SPECIAL TRIBUTE HANK'S SPORT SHOP Louis Hank

- WHEREAS, Louis Hank, owner of Hank's Sport Shop will be retiring and closing his business which has been a staple of Chippewa County, and the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Serving local residents and tourist for the past 51 years; and
- WHEREAS, Louis Hank graduated from Detour High School in 1953; where he was a star basketball, football and track athlete; and in 1954 at age 19, became a sales associate with the business formerly called Bruhn Hardware; and
- WHEREAS, Louis Hank, bought the business from Mr. Bruhn in 1960, at the age of 26 years old, and originally called the business Hank's Hardware; changing the business name once in the 60's to Hank's Hardware and Sport Shop; and then several years later, changing the name to Hank's Sport Shop, and
- WHEREAS, Louis Hank, moved the business several times during Urban Renewal projects in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, occupying space in both the 400 and 500 blocks of Ashmun Street and also, on Maple Street. In the early 1990's, he moved to his current location at 3522 I-75 Business Spur.
- WHEREAS, Louis Hank, over his 51 years of business sold almost 200,000 hunting and fishing licenses to area residents and tourists, generating almost a \$1 million in revenue for the State of Michigan's DNR, and
- WHEREAS, Louis Hank, over his 51 years of business sold millions of dollars of sporting goods to local residents and tourists, often giving them advise on how to use the equipment, and, is known throughout Chippewa County and Northern Ontario as an outstanding archer, competing for years in local archery leagues and shoots, around the area, and
- WHEREAS, Louis Hank, offered his business as a point-of-sale for many local charity events; survived almost a dozen local and statewide economic recessions; with a loyal, local following with some individuals and families were buying sporting goods from him for four to five decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

- 1. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners respectfully dedicates this document to honor and thank Louis Hank for his 51 years of service and community leadership.
- 2. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners extend their best wishes to Louis Hank for many years of good health and enjoyment in his retirement.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Scott Shackleton, Chairman

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