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Assembly Resolution No. 341

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COMMEMORATING the 300th Anniversary of Dygert Farms in Palatine Bridge, New York

WHEREAS, The agricultural industry is part of the foundation upon which our distinct American heritage is built; New York State and the entire United States are dependent on our agricultural industry for a variety of food products; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the milestones of those farms which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of Dygert Farms in Palatine Bridge, New York; and

WHEREAS, The original deed to the 50-acre plot upon which Dygert Farms is built, was granted by the Queen of England in 1723; the original house and several dairy barns still stand on the property; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Dygert Farms has supplied Montgomery County and the Capital Region with an assortment of fine dairy products, including whole, reduced, and skim milks, mocha cold brew, half & half, and eggnog; and

WHEREAS, Today, the farm milks 230 cows and consists of 450 tillable and 75 non-tillable acres; the Dygert Farms also has a breathtaking view that overlooks the beautiful Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, Dygert Farms, which has been a dairy focused farm since its inception, has experienced loss in the form of numerous fires, but historically always bounced back in a true testament to resiliency; and

WHEREAS, While remaining true to its roots as a working farm, Dygert Farms has also embraced the future in providing a destination for all age groups; generations of families have been welcomed to the farm since its doors opened a century ago; and

WHEREAS, The hardworking Robby and Shannon, owners and operators of Dygert Farms, are active in their community, donating milk to their local food pantries each week, as well as hosting children from local schools to come tour their facilities and learn about food production; and

WHEREAS, Robby oversees three full-time employees and plays a role in the dairy itself, including milking, feeding, and calving; he also serves in the processing plant as the Plant Processing Superintendent; Shannon helps where needed, but primarily focuses on creamery order management and social media; and

WHEREAS, With four young children, the owners started the processing plant to provide opportunities for the 12th generation of the family-owned business; and

WHEREAS, Distinguishing themselves in achieving Tricentennial Farm status by the New York State Agricultural Society, Dygert Farms continues to expand and adapt with the times, and is poised for many

years of sparkling success to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York and to the quality of life of its people; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the success of this exceptional farm and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of Dygert Farms in Palatine Bridge, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dygert Farms.