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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market upon the occasion of its designation as the 2014 Organization of the Year by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, on February 27, 2014

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 enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of businesses, organizations, and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Organization of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner, to be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at Samuel's Grande Manor, Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market is being celebrated for its efforts to grow and help to bring prosperity to the Clarence Hollow community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2002, the mission of the Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market is: to provide its community with access to healthy, fresh and locally produced foods and other specialty products; to raise awareness of local food production and distribution; to support local farmers and the "100 Mile Diet"; and to build its community by bringing people together in an open and engaging atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, The Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market operates each Saturday from May through October, and supports more than 30 vendors who offer fresh, locally grown produce and other specialty items; all items for sale must be grown or produced in New York State; and

WHEREAS, The Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market operates through a 100% volunteer effort, and relies on fundraising activities, local sponsorships and community support to run its seasonal events and programs; and
WHEREAS, To support its mission, the Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market offers weekly informational and educational programs, fun children's activities that also provide an education in nutrition and farming, and annual themed family events such as Fire Safety Day and the popular Farm and Tractor Day; and

WHEREAS, The Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market has been recognized as a trendsetter by other Farmers' Markets in the Western New York area, providing direction on topics such as fundraising, grant writing, marketing and organization, and offering technical assistance to its participating vendors; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market upon the occasion of its designation as the 2014 Organization of the Year by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market.