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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sally Marsh and the members of Sally's Hootenanny upon the occasion of their designation as new World Record holders for the Most People Singing "Old MacDonald" at One Time by the GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of certain extraordinary individuals and organizations whose abounding spirit and good humor serve to enhance the vitality of their communities and inspire the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the members of Sally's Hootenanny upon the occasion of their designation as new World Record holders for Most People Singing "Old MacDonald" at One Time by the GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS; and

WHEREAS, The new record for Most People Singing "Old MacDonald" at One Time according to the GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS, was set by the members of Sally's Hootenanny on Saturday, August 17, 2013, at the Quaker Amphitheater in Allegany State Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, For over 42 celebrated years, Sally Marsh has held weekly hootenannies during summers at the Quaker Amphitheater in Allegany State Park; a former employee of the park, she has invited adults and children of all ages to have fun singing along to classic American songs since 1971; and

WHEREAS, One of the standing highlights of Sally's Hootenanny is the singing of "Old MacDonald," where anyone who wishes is allowed to sing their own animal verse to the group; the music only ends when all those wishing to sing have done so, often resulting in 50 or more people taking their whimsical turn; and

WHEREAS, After one fantastic evening of many singers, the idea was

proposed of setting a world record for the song; with the co-sponsorship of Allegany State Park, the group commenced the Sally's Hootenanny World Record Attempt 2013; and

WHEREAS, Sally Marsh personally led the planning and worked closely with volunteers; she then contacted the GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS and ensured that every rule was followed so that the event would be a tremendous success; and

WHEREAS, The members of Sally's Hootenanny followed a strict set of guidelines from the GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS; organizers registered and photographed every individual present for the event, videotaped the entire attempt, and had officials fill out multiple pages of paperwork, stating they witnessed the event; and

WHEREAS, Once counted, over 350 participants came together on August 17, 2013, to sing "Old MacDonald," successfully breaking the previous record of 332 set in Italy, in 2009; and

WHEREAS, The following week, members of the group were overjoyed to receive word from the GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS of their placement on the organization's official register; and

WHEREAS, Sally's Hootenanny's delightful contributions to the community and auspicious new record merit the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sally Marsh and the members of Sally's Hootenanny upon the occasion of their designation as new World Record holders for Most People Singing "Old MacDonald" at One Time by the GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sally Marsh, and to the Allegany State Park.