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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Gerald and Rosemary Skoda upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the United Way of Sullivan County

WHEREAS, Individuals 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gerald and Rosemary Skoda upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the United Way of Sullivan County, to be celebrated with a Champagne Brunch at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill, New York, on Sunday, June 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Located in Monticello, New York, the United Way of Sullivan County has helped find and provide support services to people in need in the area for the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Gerald and Rosemary Skoda have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership; they have benefited their community through their own special blend of farming, and down home generosity and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, Gerald J. Skoda is the former Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension, and continues to act as a member of its Board; he has devotedly served his community as Director of The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan County and also as Chairman of The Board of Catskill Regional Medical Center; furthermore, he has been a member of the Tri-Valley School Board for 24 years, serving 17 years as president; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Skoda is a former Executive Director of the USDA Farm Services Agency and has worked for a number of years with the SUNY

Sullivan Dormitory Authority; she has become an integral part of the United Way of Sullivan County, serving as Past-Chairman of the Board and currently as the organization's Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Married for over 50 years, Gerald and Rosemary Skoda are the proud owners of a farm in Woodbourne, New York, which they have grown into a successful agricultural enterprise through hard work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Several years ago this remarkable couple started expanding their operations to start providing more vegetables to charities servicing those suffering from food insecurity; last year, they delivered fresh vegetables three times a week to the Federation For the Homeless, CACHE, St. Andrews Food, and to the United Way of Sullivan County; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Gerald and Rosemary Skoda have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and 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 Gerald and Rosemary Skoda upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the United Way of Sullivan County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gerald and Rosemary Skoda.