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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Mulligan Farm of Avon, New York, upon the occasion of being named 2014 Livingston County Farm of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce and Farm Bureau

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 local businesses 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 congratulate the Mulligan Farm of Avon, New York, upon the occasion of being named 2014 Livingston County Farm of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce and Farm Bureau, to be celebrated at a ceremony on Friday March 21, 2014, at the River Hotel in Mount Morris, New York; and

WHEREAS, New York State and the entire United States is dependent on our agricultural industry for a variety of food products; and

WHEREAS, As a part of the agricultural industry, the Mulligan Farm and its owners Jeff Mulligan and his wife, Lesa, along with brother, Philip, and sister, Clara Mulligan, stand as a symbol of the foundation upon which our distinct American heritage is built; and

WHEREAS, The history of the Mulligan Farm dates back to 1840 when it was founded by Aaron Barber Jr.; in 1920, his son, Aaron Barber III sold the property to Edward and Nancy Mulligan, and it has been passed down to their grandchildren in the present day; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Mulligan Farm has grown from a small holding of 30 cows in the beginning, to a modern dairy facility with 1,200 adult Holsteins and 1,150 young stock today; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, this esteemed farm and homestead were named to the

National Register of Historic Places; furthermore, development rights to a significant number of acres have been sold to the State of New York in order to preserve the land for agricultural use for all of posterity;

and

WHEREAS, Through its diligence and expertise, the Mulligan family has brought pride and recognition to itself, its local community, and to our great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, The efforts of our farmers should be commended as they continue their hard work of raising animals and cultivating the land, while facing the many challenges of nature in order to provide our food;

and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when local businesses 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 congratulate the Mulligan Farm of Avon, New York, upon the occasion of being named 2014 Livingston County Farm of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mulligan Farm, Avon, New York.