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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Schoharie Valley FFA upon the occasion of its designation as 2014 Grand Marshal of the Schoharie Memorial Day Parade

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished individuals and organizations who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Schoharie Valley FFA upon the occasion of its designation as 2014 Grand Marshal of the Schoharie Memorial Day Parade, to be celebrated on Thursday, May 22, 2014, in Schoharie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1928, the National FFA, is a youth organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education and hands-on learning; and

WHEREAS, The Schoharie Valley FFA is being named Grand Marshal of the Schoharie Memorial Day Parade in recognition of its outstanding work in the community and its contributions to the fabric of American life; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Schoharie Valley FFA is celebrating its 80th year of fulfilling its association's motto, "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve"; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed organization has been the recipient of numerous accolades at the local, state, and national levels; the group has won awards in a variety of categories including farm business management, livestock judging, extemporaneous speaking, and tractor driving; and

WHEREAS, In the past two years, the Schoharie Valley FFA has won

fourth place in the National Hoard's Dairyman contest and first place in the New York State Poultry Judging Contest; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture is one of the foundations of New York State and vitally important to the physical and economic well-being of its people; and

WHEREAS, After eight decades of service, the Schoharie Valley FFA continues its mission of preparing its members to become the innovators and leaders of tomorrow, confident that they will continue America's great farming tradition for years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Schoharie Valley FFA upon the occasion of its designation as 2014 Grand Marshal of the Schoharie Memorial Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Schoharie Valley FFA.