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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Matt Terry upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Farmer of the Year Award by the readers of THE DAILY STAR

WHEREAS, The agricultural industry is part of the foundation upon which our distinct American heritage is built; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of our farmers as they continue their hard work of cultivating the land, facing the many challenges of nature such as flood, drought and heat, in order to grow our food; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Matt Terry upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Farmer of the Year Award by the readers of THE DAILY STAR; and

WHEREAS, Matt Terry, of Franklin, New York, graduated from SUNY Cobleskill, Class of 2000, and began his farming career with just a small number of cows; he now runs a respected farming operation with over 160 cattle and 85 milking cows; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed farmer is dedicated to maintaining high standards of quality, and works constantly to achieve the best results from both his feeding and breeding programs; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Matt Terry was awarded the Supreme Champion prize at the Walton Fair for his prize Jersey cow, Courtney, quite an accomplishment in a field where Holstein breeds dominate; and

WHEREAS, During the entire period of his agricultural career, a period of constructive involvement in agriculture and animal husbandry, Matt Terry has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Through his diligence and expertise in farming, Matt Terry has brought pride and recognition to himself, his local community, and to our great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Matt Terry upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Farmer of the Year Award by the readers of THE DAILY STAR; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matt Terry.