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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame upon the occasion of celebrating its 2014 Hall of Fame Day on July 6, 2014, and applauding the 2014 Hall of Fame Inductees and honorees

WHEREAS, Organizations which serve the interests of the people of this Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame upon the occasion of celebrating its 2014 Hall of Fame Day, and to applaud the 2014 Hall of Fame Inductees and honorees; this auspicious event will be held at The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame in Goshen, New York, on Sunday, July 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its President, Lawrence S. DeVan and Director, Janet T. Terhune, The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame is one of the sport's most visible and effective ambassadors; its efforts put the positive, exciting activities of Harness Racing in the spotlight and in the public eye; it is a permanent reminder of the history and culture of America's first national pastime and is an energetic cheerleader for tomorrow's good times; and

WHEREAS, The Museum is a not-for-profit, educational institution, hosting thousands of visitors a year; they include vast numbers of school children, who learn about America's first sport - Harness Racing - and discover the important role it played in the development of our country; and

WHEREAS, The Museum is a major tourist attraction and is also the repository for the sport's memorabilia, its fine art, its driving silks, harness, photos, books, film and video; it provides research services, promotional campaigns, and hosts many community service organizations,

adult tour groups and children's educational programs; in addition, it chronicles the story of the sport in exciting, informational, interactive exhibits; and

WHEREAS, The sport's Hall of Fame is contained within The Harness Racing Museum and recognizes horses and humans in three main categories: Living Persons, Living Horses, and Immortals; and

WHEREAS, Hall of Fame Day is held annually on the first Sunday in July at The Harness Racing Museum, and significant contributors to the sport are honored at this event; and

WHEREAS, On Hall of Fame Day 2014, the Museum's Trustees will hold their annual meeting in the William Haughton Memorial Hall; in addition, first class racing will be held at Historic Track, featuring the Hall of Fame Invitational Trot, along with an autograph session with participating Hall of Fame drivers; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Harness Racing community will honor the following inductees: Living Hall of Fame, David Miller and William Weaver; Communicators' Hall of Fame, Carol Cramer and John Pawlak; and Living Horse Hall of Fame, Donato Hanover, Precious Bunny, and Hattie, as well as Harness Racing Immortals, Green Speed and Windsong's Legacy; and

WHEREAS, The Harness Racing Museum's 2013 Amateur Driving Champion, Stephen E. Oldford; Pinnacle Award recipient, Jack Elliot; and 2013 Horse of the Year, Bee a Magician, will also be officially recognized; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame and its 2014 Hall of Fame Inductees and honorees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame upon the occasion of celebrating its 2014 Hall of Fame Day, and to applaud the 2014 Hall of

Fame Inductees and honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Janet T. Terhune, Director, The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame, and to the 2014 Hall of Fame Inductees and honorees.