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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Thomas J. Burr as Director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station and his 37 years of outstanding service

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Thomas J. Burr as Director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station and his 37 years of outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, A native of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Dr. Burr earned his Master's degree in Plant Pathology from the University of Arizona, and was awarded his Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from the University of California, Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burr joined the faculty at Cornell in 1977 as Associate Professor of Plant Pathology; and

WHEREAS, Well-known for his many accomplishments in academic study, Dr. Burr's work with bacterial pathogens and their interaction with host and non-host plants has led to the development of new strategies which are used for disease control in viticulture and beyond; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES), Dr. Burr has served with honor and distinction, earning him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas J. Burr has also graciously served as chairperson of the American Phytopathological Society's Bacteriology Committee and the Chemical Control Committee; furthermore, he is the current councilor-elect for the Northeastern Division of APS and a senior editor of

APS Press; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades for his contributions in research, Dr. Burr has been honored by the American Phytopathological Society with the Ciba Geigy and Lee M. Hutchins Award in 1986, and again in 1990; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Judy, and their three children, Andy, Allison and Holly, as well as his four grandchildren, Benjamin, Ryan, Penelope and Michael, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 commend Dr. Thomas J. Burr upon the occasion of the completion of his tenure as Director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Thomas J. Burr.