

## 2015-J1331

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 30th Anniversary of Chateau Frank on July 5, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Chateau Frank to be celebrated with a celebration on Sunday, July 5, 2015, on the grounds of the historic Chateau Frank in Hammondsport, New York; and

WHEREAS, Chateau Frank, the sparkling wine affiliate of Dr. Frank Vinifera Wine Cellars, was founded by Willy Frank, a New York wine pioneer with a dream of producing Methode Champenoise sparkling wine from Vinifera grapes in the Finger Lakes Region; and

WHEREAS, Willy Frank purchased a beautiful, historic stone home in 1982, complete with a cellar ideal for sparkling wine production; he set out to make Methode Champenoise sparkling wine using the three traditional champagne grapes: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Chateau Frank released its first vintage, and since then, has become one of the most prestigious sparkling wine brands in New York State; and

WHEREAS, The Chateau Frank property has a long history of winemaking in the Finger Lakes; it was built by Philip Argus, a German immigrant, in 1886, and was home to the Western New York Wine Company prior to prohibition; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of its distinguished history, Chateau Frank has recently been placed on the National Registry of Historic Places;

signage commemorating its historical status will be placed on the road in front of Chateau Frank; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Chateau Frank has been a vital part of the New York Wine Revolution, using traditional methods and classic grapes to produce outstanding sparkling wine; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the remarkable success it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Chateau Frank; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chateau Frank, Hammondsport, New York.