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Assembly Resolution No. 271

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HONORING Ricci Farms upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Agriculture Award by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of individuals who are committed to the preservation of our agriculture industry and the enhancement of the appreciation of the distinctive features of our surroundings; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ricci Farms upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Agriculture Award by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 49th Annual Membership Meeting/Luncheon on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at the Travelodge, Little Falls, New York; and

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 are dependent on our agricultural industry for a variety of food products; and WHEREAS, Established in 1950, Ricci Farms is a family-owned and operated by Cate, Kevin and Daryl Ricci; since its inception, the farm has grown tremendously to 300 head of Holstein cows and state-of-the-art technology; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ricci Farms upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Agriculture Award by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ricci Farms.