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Senate Resolution No. 2924

BY: Senator YOUNG

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the Silver  
Creek Festival of Grapes

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of exceptional organizations that are a part of the community and comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accordance with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Silver Creek Festival of Grapes; and

WHEREAS, The Festival of Grapes was incorporated in 1967, and the first annual festival was held the following year in 1968; the festival was organized to promote and show support for the region's rich grape growing industry; and

WHEREAS, Every third weekend in September, Silver Creek hosts a Festival of Grapes to honor Concord grapes, featuring a parade, live music, a midway, a wine tent, children's and adults' activities, and grape stomping; and

WHEREAS, The Festival of Grapes has received national televised

recognition in the past; in 2008, the festival was featured on Good Morning America; hosts from the show visited a farm to stomp grapes on their trip across America, during the 2008 election season; and

WHEREAS, Each year the festival concludes with a grand parade, featuring the Festival of Grapes royalty, local, and sometimes county and state public officials, high school marching bands from regional high schools, fire apparatus from Silver Creek, Sunset Bay, Forestville, Hanover Center, Irving, Sheridan, Lake Erie Beach, Angola, and Fredonia; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor milestones in the history of communities large and small in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Silver Creek Festival of Grapes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 50th Celebration Committee.