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Assembly Resolution No. 810

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HONORING Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2017 Agricultural Organization of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, The agricultural industry is part of the foundation upon which our distinct American heritage is built; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2017 Agricultural Organization of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its 46th Annual Awards Ceremony on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at the Quality Inn & Suites in Batavia, New York; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Genesee County is

receiving this auspicious award for its continued growth and commitment to the County; and

WHEREAS, The CCE educational system enables people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research based knowledge to work; since 1917, this vital organization has provided quality educational programming and resources to the residents of Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, These educational efforts target agricultural production, policy, and economic development; adult and youth leadership development; nutrition, health, and human development; and public policy education; and

WHEREAS, The Extension's professional educators collaborate and cooperate with a variety of community groups and organizations to provide effective educational activities and programs addressing current community issues; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, CCE of Genesee County had its largest Leadership Genesee class ever, and more than 60 Master Gardeners were available to answer resident questions; the Extension also supported its growing youth program, Cloverbuds, 4-H and its tenured volunteers; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, CCE will deliver 23 Cornell University specialists to conduct research with the Dairy, Livestock and Field Crop, and Vegetable Teams and Harvest New York; the college will also increase both staff and programs; and

WHEREAS, The success of CCE of Genesee County is in direct correlation to the efforts of Executive Director Beverly Mancuso and her staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an

impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations 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 honor Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2017 Agricultural Organization of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Beverly Mancuso, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County.