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Senate Resolution No. 56

BY: Senator PALUMBO

HONORING Wolffer Estate Vineyard upon the occasion of its designation as a Gold Medalist by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation on July 12, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing the economic well-being of 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 honor Wolffer Estate Vineyard upon the occasion of its designation as a Gold Medalist by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation at its 36th Annual New York Wine Classic on Tuesday, July 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The 36th Annual New York Wine Classic is a nationally recognized competition highlighting the best of New York's wine; and

WHEREAS, The competition recognized Wolffer Estate Vineyard with its Gold Medal, a highly-esteemed award given at the Classic; and

WHEREAS, Wolffer Estate Vineyard was awarded for its 2019 Cellar Series Malbec, 2020 Perle Chardonnay, 2021 Own Rooted Rose Merlot, 2021 Rose, and 2021 The Grapes of Roth Virgin Berry Dry Riesling; and

WHEREAS, In addition to winning various Gold Medals and the Governor's Cup, Wolffer Estate Vineyard, based in Sagaponack, New York, received a Platinum Medal for Best Dessert Wine with their 2020 Diosa Late-Harvest; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Christian Wolffer in 1988, the vineyard has been one of the finest producers of wine in New York State for over 30 years; Wolffer Estate Vineyard is currently owned and operated by the founder's children, Marc, and Joey Wolffer, along with Winemaker and Partner Roman Roth; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Marc and Joey Wolffer and Roman Roth, the success of Wolffer Estate Vineyard is a true testament to its unwavering dedication to over three decades of extraordinary winemaking on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, The winery embraces all that the East End of Long Island has to offer, and have incorporated the regions sense of community and familial feeling into the expression of each of the wines they create and share; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, this esteemed vineyard has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Wolffer Estate Vineyard is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated owners and 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 businesses and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business, its contributions to the local and state economies, and its vibrant role in improving the quality of life in its community, fully confident it will continue to enjoy the same sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Wolffer Estate Vineyard upon the occasion of its designation as a Gold Medalist by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation on July 12, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Wolffer Estate Vineyard.