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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Cy Farm, Batavia Turf, and Cy Heifer Farm, LLC upon the occasion of receiving the Business of the Year Award from the New York State Agricultural Society

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York and to the quality of life of its people; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Cy Farm, Batavia Turf, and Cy Heifer Farm, LLC upon the occasion of receiving the Business of the Year Award from the New York State Agricultural Society; and

WHEREAS, This most prestigious honor was developed by the New York State Agricultural Society to promote the State's food system and recognize the quality, leadership and innovation demonstrated by New York agribusinesses; the first Business of the Year awards were presented by the Society in 2001; and

WHEREAS, In 1951, with 25 cows and an old tractor, Carl Yunker started what has since become a diversified agricultural business now operated by his son, grandson and other key employees; and

WHEREAS, Carl Yunker partnered with his son, Craig Yunker, in 1976, to form CY Farms, LLC, and in 1986, they added a third partner, P.J. Riner; today, CY Farms is now a 5,200 acre field crop and vegetable farm operated by Craig Yunker, his son, Christian Yunker, Mike Riner and a staff of dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, Batavia Turf, LLC, a 300 acre sod farm, was bought in 1996 and is managed by Craig Yunker and a staff of 10; the sod is sold for residential, commercial and sport purposes; and

WHEREAS, The third business, Cy Heifer Farm, LLC, a dairy replacement facility, was purchased from the former Agway Cooperative in 2004; this 4,000 head custom operation raises heifers for seven area dairy farms and is managed by Jeanne Wormuth and a staff of 12; and

WHEREAS, The quality of these three businesses and the dedication of

their owners and staff earned them Genesee County's Agricultural Business of the Year Award in 2000, and in 2005, was named by TOP PRODUCER magazine as a runner-up for the National Top Producer of the Year; and WHEREAS, The common factor in these successful businesses is managing partner, Craig Yunker; his involvement in the agricultural industry in Genesee County and statewide is a testament to his dedication to bettering the industry; and

WHEREAS, Since 2001, Craig Yunker has served as Trustee of Cornell University and as such, he also serves on the New York State Agricultural Society Board of Directors; in addition, he spent 12 years as a Genesee County Legislator, and is a graduate of LEAD Class III; and WHEREAS, The diligence and expertise of the owners and staff of Cy Farm, Batavia Turf, and Cy Heifer Farm, LLC have brought pride and recognition to each farm, the local community, and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the success of these exceptional farms and their contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that they will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes they have experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Cy Farm, Batavia Turf, and Cy Heifer Farm, LLC upon the occasion

of receiving the Business of the Year Award from the New York State Agricultural Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cy Farm, Batavia Turf, and Cy Heifer Farm, LLC.