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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Grapevine Farms upon the occasion of its designation by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of its 2009 Business of the Year Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the achievements of individuals, organizations, and businesses which contribute substantially to the economic health and vitality of the communities of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Grapevine Farms and its owners Tim and Tracy Purcell, upon the occasion of Grapevine Farms' designation by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of its 2009 Business of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Grapevine Farms and owners Tim and Tracy Purcell will be honored at the chamber's Annual Meeting and Business Awards Dinner to be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at the Best Western Inn of Cobleskill in Cobleskill, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce annually recognizes business people in Schoharie County who have been successful in providing good products and services to clients and customers, and who have treated their employees and business associates in a fair and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, Community involvement, stability, longevity and advancement of the quality of life of the community are other factors which are considered by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce in conferring its annual business awards; and

WHEREAS, Grapevine Farms started out as just a dream; in 2001 Tim and Tracy Purcell began their quest to turn that dream into reality, opening Grapevine Farms for business in an 1850s farmhouse in October 2002, just

one week after they were married; and

WHEREAS, Grapevine Farms has been growing steadily ever since; Tim and Tracy continually look for ways to make changes for the better and strive to keep things fresh, new and exciting and, happily, their first three years in business far exceeded their projected business plan; and WHEREAS, In 2006, Grapevine Farms took a major step forward, doubling its physical plant size and making possible the addition of a commercial kitchen and the Farmhouse Bistro which offers delicious lunches and is the perfect complement to the friendly country shopping experience that Grapevine Farms had already become; and

WHEREAS, The spring of 2007 saw the addition of The Greenhouse at Grapevine Farms; in 2008, Grapevine Farms added beer and wine to its dining room menu and its latest addition, the Grapevine Farms Wine Cellar, opened in September 2009, featuring only New York State wines and offering free daily samplings of featured state wineries; and

WHEREAS, Grapevine Farms now employs 30 full and part-time staff who are warm, caring and friendly individuals who help make Grapevine Farms a destination where both locals and tourists can eat, shop, sample New York State wine, visit the coffee bar, or just sit and chat; and

WHEREAS, In just a few short years Tim and Tracy Purcell and Grapevine Farms have become valued, contributing members of the Schoharie County community; the Purcells work hard to generate pride in their community, hosting fundraising events, and generously giving to the community in many ways, enhancing the quality of life in Schoharie County; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge such outstanding enterprises as Grapevine Farms and individuals such as its owners Tim and Tracy Purcell whose professional lives, personal endeavors

and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Grapevine Farms owners Tim and Tracy Purcell upon the occa-

sion of Grapevine Farms' designation by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of its 2009 Business of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Grapevine Farms' owners Tim and Tracy Purcell.