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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Keith Schiebel upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher Award by the National Association of Agricultural Educators

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those people who, by achieving outstanding success in their educational and teaching endeavors, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to also take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose educational achievements have enhanced the quality of education in this great State, and whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their students, colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Keith Schiebel upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher Award by the National Association of Agricultural Educators; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the V.V.S. FFA Maple Weekend, to be held on March 26-27, 2011, in Verona, New York; and

WHEREAS, A high school agriculture teacher at the Vernon-Verona Sherill (VVS) Central School in Verona, New York, Keith Schiebel is one of only six individuals nationwide who received the Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher Award conferred by the National Association of Agricultural Educators; and

WHEREAS, Keith Schiebel has been teaching at VVS Central School for 25 years; during his distinguished teaching career, he has seen significant changes both in his community and in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Skillfully adapting his teaching methods to reflect the changing world of both agriculture and his students, Keith Schiebel believes that students should be the focus in his classroom and that agriculture is his best teaching tool; by focusing on the needs of a

diverse student population, he creates a classroom that allows all students to benefit from agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, Regardless of the background or future plans of his students, Keith Schiebel's agricultural education program enables all his students to explore their interests, develop personal skills and apply their skills in real-world situations; and

WHEREAS, Keith Schiebel has been named the National Association of Agricultural Educators Outstanding Young Agriculture Educator, National FFA AgriScience Teacher of the Year Runner Up and NAAE Teacher-of-Teachers Award winner; and

WHEREAS, A 1984 graduate of Cornell University with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education, Keith Schiebel completed his MPS at Cornell in the following year; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his educational and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Keith Schiebel has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his students, colleagues, friends and family; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Keith Schiebel upon the occasion of his designation as the

recipient of the Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher Award by the National Association of Agricultural Educators; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Keith Schiebel.