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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Blumer Dairy in Alexander, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as 2012 Conservation Farm of the Year by the Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 business organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The agricultural industry is part of the foundation upon which our distinct American Heritage is built; New York State and the entire United States are dependent on our agricultural industry for a variety of food and dairy products; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Blumer Dairy in Alexander, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as 2012 Conservation Farm of the Year by the Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated during the Celebrate Agriculture Dinner, to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at the Alexander Firemen's Recreation Hall in Alexander, New York; and

WHEREAS, Owners Dave and Val Patten of Blumer Dairy on Route 98 in Alexander, New York, installed a 3.2 million gallon manure lagoon in a neighborhood friendly and ecologically sound manner; and WHEREAS, In addition, Blumer Dairy engaged in a series of other environmental initiatives demonstrating that conservation is an ongoing priority of Dave and Val Patten; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the outstanding efforts by Dave and Val Patten of Blumer Dairy to improve and enhance conservation and the environment, the Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District designated the dairy as the 2012 Conservation Farm of the Year; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and business organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citi-

zens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Blumer Dairy in Alexander, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as 2012 Conservation Farm of the Year by the Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dave and Val Patten.