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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Whittaker Farms LLC in Whitney Point, New York

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 products; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the milestones of those families which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and 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 commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Whittaker Farms LLC in Whitney Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Whittaker purchased the farm, which consisted of 158 acres, in March of 1915; previously, he was the owner of the creamery just down the road which sold butter in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Every day, Lewis Whittaker, along with his wife, Susie, and their six children milked 20 dairy cows; during the depression they also sold eggs to the Binghamton community; and

WHEREAS, Several generations of cousins spent many summers on the farm helping put in hay and handle the eggs; and

WHEREAS, In the 1940s, Lewis Whittaker sold the farm to his son, Roscoe, who ran the farm until 1981 and then sold it to his son and nephew; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Roscoe's son left and sold the farm which, at the time, had grown to 500 acres; today, Whittaker Farms, now made up of over 800 acres and consisting of 550 cows, is owned by Scott, Judi and Brock Whittaker; Brock and his wife, Ashley, and their sons are the next

generation; and

WHEREAS, Whittaker Farms, now named Whittaker Farms LLC, has a staff of eight, not including family, and currently ships its milk to Dairy

Farmers of America with most of it going to Chobani Yogurt; and

WHEREAS, Whittaker Farms LLC continues to change and expand with the times, and is poised for success for many years to come; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Whittaker Farms LLC in Whitney Point, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Scott, Judi and Brock Whittaker.