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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 250th Anniversary of Glendouglas Farm on June 20, 2015

WHEREAS, Agriculture is an important part of the foundation upon which our distinct American and New York State heritage are built and remains the number one industry in New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the many New York farm families whose hard work and ingenuity maintain and improve our food and fiber supply for countless citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Glendouglas Farm, to be celebrated on Saturday, June 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, In 1765, William Douglas purchased land in what was then known as Jericho in Western Massachusetts, and moved there with his young family; he built a log cabin and set to work farming; and

WHEREAS, During this time, when the Colonists revolted against Great Britain, William Douglas enlisted in the Massachusetts Militia and Jericho changed its name to Hancock; Douglas fought at the Battle of Bennington, and upon the completion of his military service, he returned to his farm; and

WHEREAS, After the Revolution succeeded, New York negotiated with the states on its eastern edge, and the border of Hancock was pushed three quarters of a mile east, putting half of William Douglas' farm in Stephentown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, heirs to William Douglas' farm replaced the log cabin with a colonial which, when it burned down in 1967, was

replaced with the present structure which retains the basement of the original log cabin; and

WHEREAS, In the course of its 250-year history, due to the presence of several female heirs, the Glendouglas Farm owners' last names have changed; although the types of farming have also changed, the farm has remained a family hub; and

WHEREAS, Today, Glendouglas Farm is owned by Isabel Krebs, the great-great-great-granddaughter of William Douglas; she maintains a vast tree farm and raises llamas, alpacas and poultry; and

WHEREAS, The proud heritage of the Glendouglas Farm continues to change and expand with the times, and the farm is poised for success for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Glendouglas Farm on June 20, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Isabel Krebs, Glendouglas Farm, Stephentown, New York.