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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Table Rock Farm upon the occasion of being named Conservation Farm of the Year by the New York State Agricultural Society

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 achievements of those family-owned farms 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 congratulate Table Rock Farm upon the occasion of being named Conservation Farm of the Year by the New York State Agricultural Society which was celebrated at its Annual Meeting on January 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Table Rock Farm, of Castile, New York, has been recognized by the New York State Agricultural Society for its outstanding achievements in quality, leadership and innovation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Table Rock Farm is being recognized as a Century Farm for over 100 years of continuous operation on the same land by the same family; and

WHEREAS, The DeGolyer family has owned and operated Table Rock Farm since 1915, when C. Scott DeGolyer purchased the 115 acre estate in Western New York; it originally grew and raised a variety of crops and livestock including apples, wheat, alfalfa and beans, as well as sheep, cows, horses and chickens; and

WHEREAS, In the 1960s, the DeGolyer family focused exclusively on

dairying, and quickly built a reputation for innovation by becoming one of the first farms in the Nation to try group feeding which distinguished the diverse nutrient needs of cows at different lactation stages; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the DeGolyer family has worked tirelessly to make Table Rock Farm a leader in innovation for New York State farmers; it regularly participates in annual cropping and dairy-focused studies with Cornell University and other entities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Table Rock Farm is preparing to install a small array of solar panels to help reduce its reliance on natural gas, and is researching the covering of manure storage to capture and burn off methane gas to increase energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Table Rock Farm is a prosperous 1,020-acre, high-tech dairy with 900 Holsteins and a dazzling array of harvesters and milking gear; and

WHEREAS, Under the able guidance of the DeGolyer family, Table Rock Farm will continue its high standard of excellence in dairy farming for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the success of this exceptional family business 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 congratulate Table Rock Farm upon the occasion of being named Conservation Farm of the Year by the New York State Agricultural Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the DeGolyer family, Table Rock Farm.