

## 2015-J3854

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Thomas J. Gallagher upon the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County on September 11, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Thomas J. Gallagher upon the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County celebrated on Friday, September 11, 2015, at the Century House, Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, In July of 1976, Thomas J. Gallagher began his career as a Cooperative Extension Agent for Cornell University; in this capacity, he provided educational programming in dairy, livestock, farm management and field crops; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Thomas J. Gallagher became part of a three county regional extension team, and subsequently, was bestowed more responsibilities; for many summers, he has hosted inner city youth at the city of Albany's farm to teach them about the connection between the food they eat and the farms which produce it; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, Thomas J. Gallagher has also served as an Agricultural Program Leader in Albany County from 1990-2012, and in Schenectady County from 1991-2003; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Gallagher's research, educational programs, special projects, and work with the Regional and National Agricultural Agents

Association has produced tremendous results for agricultural producers, consumers and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his stellar career, Thomas J. Gallagher has served the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of his position; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked, Thomas J. Gallagher will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; 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 celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Thomas J. Gallagher upon the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas J. Gallagher.