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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Eric Keil upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Amherst Davis Memorial Farmer Citizen of the Year Award by the Long Island Farm Bureau on April 1, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Eric Keil upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Amherst Davis Memorial Farmer Citizen of the Year Award by the Long Island Farm Bureau, to be celebrated at its 98th Annual Awards Gala on Friday, April 1, 2016, at the Riverhead Polish Hall, Riverhead, New York; and

WHEREAS, Eric Keil and his three brothers, together with their father, run Otto Keil Florist/Emma's Garden Growers at four different locations between Huntington and the North Fork of Long Island, focusing on providing quality annuals, shrubs, perennials and soil products; and

WHEREAS, Eric Keil has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man has been an active and dedicated member of the agricultural industry for numerous years; he is present on the local level, attending meetings and having a voice among his local leaders and colleagues while maintaining a positive, dedicated relationship with his community; and

WHEREAS, A true leader, Eric Keil devotes his time and energy to not only the Farm Bureau, but in all local agricultural organizations, where

he feels he can make a difference speaking for the industry so that he can continue to do what he loves, farm; and

WHEREAS, As a participant of the Long Island Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Eric Keil attends various meetings related to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Agricultural Stewardship Program Advisory Committee, the Southold Land Preservation Committee, and Southold Local Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Eric Keil held the leadership position of President of Long Island Flower Growers Association from 1999-2001; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Eric Keil has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Eric Keil upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Amherst Davis Memorial Farmer Citizen of the Year Award by the Long Island Farm Bureau; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eric Keil.