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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Farm Credit East upon the occasion of celebrating 100 years of service to the agriculture industry on April 1, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful efforts of those financial institutions and their leadership who devote their purpose to promoting economic vitality and service the public need; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Farm Credit East upon the occasion of celebrating 100 years of service to the agriculture industry to be celebrated at the Long Island Farm Bureau's 98th Annual Awards Gala on Friday, April 1, 2016, at the Riverhead Polish Hall, Riverhead, New York; and

WHEREAS, July 17, 2016, marks 100 years since President Woodrow Wilson signed the Federal Farm Loan Act (FLA), thereby launching the Farm Credit System; this vital System was founded to provide the necessary credit to support America's agriculture and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Today, Farm Credit East continues to operate under the same tenets on which it was founded: farmer-ownership, expertise in the industries served and commitment to farmers' success; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional financial cooperative offers a full range of credit and financial services to more than 13,700 customers in their seven-state territory from Maine to New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Farm Credit East serves people involved in the business of agriculture, including farmers, nursery and greenhouse operations, forest products businesses, fishermen, lobstermen, part-time growers, agribusinesses and country home owners; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of the Long Island agriculture community, Farm Credit East strives to continue to adapt and to make the necessary investments to create value for its customers today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body looks favorably upon the strong role which institutions such as Farm Credit East play in strengthening the social and economic fabric of our communities through providing growth opportunities for citizens and businesses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Farm Credit East upon the occasion of celebrating 100 years of service to the agriculture industry on April 1, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Farm Credit East.