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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sunnyside Farms, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as a recipient of the Farm Safety Award from 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 Sunnyside Farms, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as a recipient of the Farm Safety Award from the New York State Agricultural Society; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Agricultural Society's Farm Safety Award recognizes farm operators who strive to provide innovative and successful workplace safety programs for their employees; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1939, Sunnyside Farms, Inc. is a large dairy farm owned and operated by Greg and Neil Rejman located on Indian Field Road, Scipio Center, New York, in Cayuga County; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Sunnyside Farms, Inc. has expanded progressively from a herd of 200 to its current herd of approximately 4,000 milk cows while building a reputation for cleanliness and orderliness across the entire farmstead; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to providing a safe and healthy work environment, the management of Sunnyside Farms, Inc. has worked with NYCAMH for years

to improve their safety programs and worker training; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed small business also provides regular bilingual instruction and mentoring of employees and keeps its facilities and equipment well maintained to avoid hazards; first aid and CPR training are also provided to all supervisors and employees interested in learning how to be prepared for an emergency; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Sunnyside Farms, Inc. retains well-organized training records and is conscientious about scheduling additional training sessions when needed to ensure employees' well-being and job readiness; and

WHEREAS, The Rejman family has been called upon to contribute its time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of their community, the Rejman's have been a proud supporter of Southern Cayuga County's Annual Farmer's Challenge, a fund raising event hosted by Sunnyside Farms, featuring a dinner, silent auction, and trivia contest to benefit the Southern Cayuga Central School's Agriculture and FFA programs; and

WHEREAS, Under the able guidance of Owners Greg and Neil Rejman, Sunnyside Farms, Inc. will continue to meet the highest standards of safety and quality, while continuing to provide outstanding service to its community for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the success of this exceptional small 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; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when family-owned farms of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sunnyside Farms, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Farm Safety Award from the New York State Agricultural Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Greg and Neil Rejman, Co-Owners, Sunnyside Farms, Inc.