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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Todd DuMond upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the Next Generation Farmer 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 Todd DuMond upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the Next Generation Farmer Award from the New York State Agricultural Society; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Agricultural Society's Next Generation Farmer Award recognizes the accomplishments of successful next generation farmers; and

WHEREAS, Todd DuMond, the son of Eric and Marge DuMond, is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; he has successfully overseen DuMond Ag, an agricultural operation his parents started in Union Springs, New York, in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Since returning to his family's farm in 2003, Todd DuMond has fostered significant growth and expansion at DuMond Ag, transforming a 600 acre cash crop business into a 5,000 acre farming operation; and

WHEREAS, Under Todd DuMond's able management, DuMond Ag has increased steadily in size and diversified its business pursuits into such compa-

nies as DuMond Grain, a soybean roasting business, and DuMond Trucking, which provides an improved transportation option for the local farm community; and

WHEREAS, Recently, this esteemed farm operator has expanded operations to include corn grinding to produce cornmeal as a new commodity for the business, created a cover crop seed dealership and invested in a row crop farming operation; and

WHEREAS, In response to the numerous difficult challenges posed by climate change, Todd DuMond practices a variety of conservation methods which emphasize the use of precision agriculture; he has utilized cover crops, spatial soil analysis, reduced tillage and narrow-row planting, as well numerous other sustainable practices to protect soil and water resources; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of the farming community, Todd DuMond is a longtime member of the New York State Corn and Soybean Growers Association Board, and has served as a New York State representative to the American Soybean Association for 9 years; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Todd DuMond has built relationships with many local agricultural colleges, and has hosted the Summer Crop Tour, an education day for production agriculture for three years; and

WHEREAS, Poised with great business and scientific acumen, an entrepreneurial spirit, and a passion for serving others, Todd DuMond will continue to be a vital part of New York's agricultural community for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the success of this exceptional next generation farmer and his contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that he

will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes he has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Todd DuMond upon the occasion of his designation as a

recipient of the Next Generation Farmer Award from the New York State Agricultural Society; and be it further  
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Todd DuMond.