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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rianne Erlwein upon the occasion of her designation as the 2016 Sullivan County Dairy Princess

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those young people who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, The agricultural industry of the State of New York is highly benefited by the active promotion of farming endeavors and agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Rianne Erlwein upon the occasion of her designation as the 2016 Sullivan County Dairy Princess; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from nursing school and studying nutrition at Utica College in Utica, New York, Rianne Erlwein now serves as a registered nurse; she is passionate about improving the nutrition of Sullivan County residents and encouraging them to exercise; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Rianne Erlwein noticed the logo used as part of Sullivan County's new initiative to encourage residents to eat healthier depicted citrus fruits and bananas, not milk and meat, which most local farms produce; and

WHEREAS, Driven to bring the reality of farming to Sullivan County residents and visitors, Rianne Erlwein applied to the Sullivan County Dairy Promotion Committee, and subsequently, was crowned this year's Dairy Princess; and

WHEREAS, Rianne Erlwein grew up on a dairy farm right outside of Jeffersonville, New York, and returned in May of 2015, after finishing her bachelor's degree; she decided she wanted to farm in Sullivan County like members of her family on both sides have done since the 1800s; and

WHEREAS, With a growing passion and love of farming, Rianne Erlwein

and her brother, Sawyer, work primarily for their parents, Dawn and Pete Erlwein, on their Jeffersonville homestead spending each day milking cows and working in the fields; and

WHEREAS, As the 2016 Sullivan County Dairy Princess, Rianne Erlwein will strive to promote the dairy industry during a time when the number of dairy farms in the county is dwindling; she now serves in the Dairy Promotion Court with an alternate Dairy Princess and two dairy milk maids who will help spread the message that milk products are the life blood of Sullivan County farms and those farms are the backbone of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual which Rianne Erlwein has demonstrated in achieving the title of 2016 Sullivan County Dairy Princess; she has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rianne Erlwein exemplifies the best potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; she has brought enduring honor to her family, local community and to the State of New York, and should be recognized and saluted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Rianne Erlwein upon the occasion of her designation as the 2016 Sullivan County Dairy Princess; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rianne Erlwein.