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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the Tri-Valley Future Farmers of America Chapter on June 10, 2016

WHEREAS, The agricultural industry is part of the foundation upon which our distinct American heritage is built; and

WHEREAS, New York State, along with the rest of the United States, is dependent on our agricultural industry for a variety of food products; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to support and promote the historic and significant observance of those agricultural organizations which enrich this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Tri-Valley Future Farmers of America Chapter to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet on Friday, June 10, 2016, at the Neversink Fire House, Neversink, New York; and

WHEREAS, Student success remains the primary mission of Future Farmers of America (FFA); the Tri-Valley Chapter has been active for many years, and its students attend state and national conventions, leadership workshops and more; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of President, Kim Doyle, the Tri-Valley FFA Chapter has grown to be the best in the State of New York, and one of the top in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, In 1951, Richard Strangeway founded the Tri-Valley FFA Chapter for students in grades six through 12; and

WHEREAS, For over six decades, the Tri-Valley FFA has strived to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, Students whose lives are impacted by the Tri-Valley FFA and agricultural education will achieve academic and personal growth, strengthen American agriculture and provide leadership to build healthy local communities, a strong nation and a sustainable world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrew Draper, Commissioner of Education for the State of New York, gave a speech on January 15, 1908, to a group of principals and superintendents, where he put forward the idea of agriculture in public high schools; he created a committee of five men to study the idea and come up with a plan; and

WHEREAS, The plan was enacted as an amendment in the state vocational education law, passed in 1910, which made possible schools of agriculture, mechanic arts, and homemaking; and

WHEREAS, In 1926 at the state fair, representatives from Albion, Bath, Endicott, and Greene had met, discussed the possibilities and adopted a constitution which began the New York Association of Young Farmers Club; and

WHEREAS, Two years later, FFA was founded as a dynamic youth organization within agricultural education which changes lives and prepares students for Premier Leadership, Personal Growth and Career Success; and

WHEREAS, The name was changed in 1988, to the National FFA Organization to represent the growing diversity of agriculture; today, almost half a million student members are engaged in a wide range of agricultural education activities, leading to over 300 career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resources industries; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of

the State of New York and to the quality of life of its people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Tri-Valley Future Farmers of

America Chapter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kim Doyle, President, Tri-Valley Future Farmers of America Chapter.