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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Emily Ooms upon the occasion of being crowned the 2016-2017 New York State Dairy Princess

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

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Emily Ooms upon the occasion of being crowned the 2016-2017 New York State Dairy Princess by the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc. on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, New York; and

WHEREAS, A resident of the Town of Valatie, New York, Emily Ooms has been serving as Columbia County Dairy Princess since the spring of 2015; she was selected for this auspicious honor from approximately two dozen county dairy princesses from across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Competition in the 53rd State pageant included a personal interview, an impromptu and prepared speech, a product knowledge test and a writing skills test as well as informal interaction with others;

judges evaluated the contestants on their communication skills, knowledge of the dairy industry, poise and personality; and

WHEREAS, From all of the speeches delivered by pageant contestants, Emily Ooms' prepared speech was recognized by the judges as the best

one; and

WHEREAS, As State Dairy Princess, Emily Ooms will receive a scholarship and represent the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc. at county dairy princess pageants, farm meetings and special events throughout New York State; she will continue to spread the message of the importance of agriculture and she will help train new county promoters at seminars and workshops; and

WHEREAS, The crowning of Emily Ooms as New York State Dairy Princess, builds upon her past agriculture experiences; her family owns and operates A.Ooms and Sons Farm in Valatie, New York, Columbia County, where Emily has been an active member of the local dairy industry; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication which Emily Ooms has demonstrated in achieving the title of 2016-2017 New York State Dairy Princess; she has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Emily Ooms 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 by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Emily Ooms upon the occasion of being crowned the 2016-2017 New York State Dairy Princess; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Emily Ooms.