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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Eggleston Hill Dairy Farm in Cooperstown, New York, on July 9, 2016

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 custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the milestones of those 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 commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Eggleston Hill Dairy Farm in Cooperstown, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event will be celebrated at the 42nd Annual Eggleston Family Reunion on Saturday, July 9, 2016, at the Camphouse on the corner of the original farm; 125 family members will gather to memorialize 100 Years - Family, Farm and the Gray Fox; and

WHEREAS, At last count, there are over 140 descendants of original owners, J. Ward and Maria Eggleston, with three of the original eight children still living; currently, five families are living on the land that has been part of the farm for the last century; and

WHEREAS, On March 3, 1916, J. Ward and Maria Eggleston bought the picturesque Eggleston Hill Dairy Farm, what is now known as Eggleston Dairy Farm, on Eggleston Hill Road in Cooperstown; and

WHEREAS, From 1947-1991, Osborn Eggleston successfully operated the family dairy business; today, Jeffrey W., Ralph N. and Laura F. Eggleston manage the farm which is comprised of over 200 acres of prime land and approximately 35 milking cows; and

WHEREAS, For 100 years, Eggleston Dairy Farm, through the tireless work of many generations of Egglestons, has supplied Otsego County with quality milk products; and

WHEREAS, Through their diligence and expertise in dairy farming, the Eggleston family has brought pride and recognition to their local community, and to our great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the leaders of the agricultural 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 100th Anniversary of Eggleston Dairy Hill Farm in Cooperstown, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eggleston Dairy Farm.