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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Candella's Farm & Greenhouses

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the important milestones in those businesses within the State of New York which have contributed to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve; 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 Candella's Farm & Greenhouses; and

WHEREAS, For the past Century, Candella's Farm & Greenhouses has proudly offered quality products and outstanding service to its customers; and

WHEREAS, Candella's Farm & Greenhouses on River Road in Marcy, New York, has been in the Candella family since 1916; 100 years ago, Italian immigrant Frank Candella, and his wife, Rose, began farming land several miles east of the farm's current location; they eventually settled on 200+ acres of prime earth on River Road, in Marcy, New York; and

WHEREAS, In the 1980s, Mike and Florence Candella took over the business after Frank and Rose Candella began to retire and slow down; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Frank and Rose Candella continued to remain involved while Mike and Florence Candella expanded greenhouse and farm production by featuring U-Pick strawberries and an enhanced farm store for its customers; and

WHEREAS, In the 1990s, Michael Candella, Jr. began to increase the farming operation by selling wholesale produce to local grocery stores and the New York State Prison Food Kitchen Program; and

WHEREAS, Michael Candella, Jr. also grew the U-Pick Berries operation which is currently comprised of 20 acres of strawberries, raspberries

and blueberries; and

WHEREAS, Working cooperatively with Upstate Growers and Packers, Candella's Farm & Greenhouses produces a full line of summer produce including sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, beans, and squash; and

WHEREAS, Each February, the greenhouse operation begins to grow plants for retail sale and plants that will be grown in the field; Candella's Farm & Greenhouses offers its loyal customers over 70 varieties of herbs and perennials, hanging baskets, patio and combination pots, boxed annuals, and potted flowers; and

WHEREAS, As summer ends and winter approaches, Candella's Farm & Greenhouses offers its clientele pumpkins and specialty pumpkins, mums and fall decorations, and during the holidays, they sell Christmas trees, wreaths and other decorations; and

WHEREAS, Today, Mike and Florence Candella continue to guide and visit the business daily, but leave the majority of the details to their children, Michael Candella, Jr. and Shawna Papale, who in turn are teaching the next generation, Sara, Gabrielle, and Michael G. the successful family-run enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Candella's Farm & Greenhouses has become a trusted source for multiple generations of Oneida County families who have come to appreciate this remarkable company's caring concern and attention to detail; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous guidance of Mike and Florence Candella, Michael Candella, Jr. and Shawna Papale, Candella's Farm & Greenhouses remains committed to offering the finest service and products to the Marcy area and beyond for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, The success of Candella's Farm & Greenhouses over the years is in direct correlation to the efforts of its management and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard

of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the company and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this third generation business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Candella's Farm & Greenhouses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mike and Florence Candella, Michael Candella, Jr. and Shawna Papale, Owners, Candella's Farm & Greenhouses.