

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Sanford Stud Farm of Amsterdam, New York, upon the occasion of its being placed on both the National Register of Historic Places and New York State Register of Historic Sites

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize events of significance which exemplify the history and development of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Sanford Stud Farm of Amsterdam, New York, upon the occasion of its being placed on both the National Register of Historic Places and New York State Register of Historic Sites; and

WHEREAS, In the 1860s, "General" Stephen Sanford began acquiring farm land in Amsterdam, New York; his acquisition of one small farm grew to encompass more than 1,100 acres and became known as the Hurricana Stock Farm; and

WHEREAS, The Hurricana Stock Farm became one of the most prominent thoroughbred breeding facilities in the nation; in 1927, it changed its name to Sanford Stud Farm; and

WHEREAS, The stud farm began by importing eight Percherons which led to over 150 breeding mares and stallions; the Sanford bloodlines can be traced to many of the thoroughbreds on the racetracks of America to this day; and

WHEREAS, Equine residents of "Hurricana" have graced the winner's circle of many major stakes races including: the Kentucky Derby, the Flamingo Stakes, Royal Palm Handicap, and the Monmouth Handicap; and

WHEREAS, The Sanford Stud Farm was and continues to be a monument to "Yankee Ingenuity"; the hinges and latches on the stable and barn doors are still smoothly functional and in fine working condition; they were handcrafted on premises in the still-standing Blacksmith shop; and

WHEREAS, Also remaining on the Sanford Stud Farm is the one-of-a-kind "Broodmare Barn," constructed in the late 1860s to early 1870s, one-half of the Jumpin' Horse barn (with solid cherry-lined stalls), and a single-stall barn that has been relocated from its former location; and

WHEREAS, On May 31, 2013, the Sanford Stud Farm of Amsterdam, New York, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places; it is also on the New York State Register of Historic Sites; and

WHEREAS, In addition, 2013 is the 100th anniversary of the running of the Sanford Stakes, an American thoroughbred horse race held annually during the third week of July at the Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs, New York; it is a six furlong sprint race, a Grade II event open to two-year-old horses; and

WHEREAS, Inaugurated in 1913 as the Sanford Memorial Stakes, the Sanford Stakes was modified to its present name in 1927; the race is named for Stephen Sanford and his son John, Amsterdam, New York, businessmen from one of Saratoga's original horse racing families; their horses first appeared in the Saratoga races in 1880; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Sanford Stud Farm of Amsterdam, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Sanford Stud Farm of Amsterdam, New York, upon the occasion of its being placed on both the National Register of Historic Places and New York State Register of Historic Sites; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Sanford Stud Farm of Amsterdam, New York.