

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Lakewood Vineyards on May 22, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and industries 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 commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Lakewood Vineyards on Thursday, May 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Frank Stamp and his family moved to Lakewood Farm, a run-down peach and apple orchard on the west side of Seneca Lake in 1951, and the following spring, began planting grapes; the original grapes planted were primarily Labrusca and French-American Hybrid varieties, which were favored by the large wineries and grape juice companies; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1980s, the Stamp family diversified to add some new hybrid varieties and Vinifera plantings; the commercial grape production continued for 36 years, until 1988, when Monty Stamp, Frank's son, along with his wife Beverly and their children, pressed the grapes for their first vintage; and

WHEREAS, Lakewood Vineyards has been maintained and expanded as the demands for varieties shift, and the high quality fruit from Lakewood has produced numerous award-winning wines; and

WHEREAS, Today, with 80 acres of grapes planted, the farm is home to Lakewood Vineyards winery; the winery produces wines from all three families of grapes, offering a diverse selection of wines such as, Riesling, Gewurtztraminer, Cabernet Franc, and Pinot Noir; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Vineyard Manager Dave Stamp, the third son of Monty and Beverly, the Vineyards at Lakewood have been carefully managed, with a focus on sustainable practices, including composting, mulching and cover crops; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, recognized as a leader in the industry, Dave Stamp is often cited in national and local publications including the Wall STREET JOURNAL, WINE COUNTRY MAGAZINE, and the DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE; and

WHEREAS, Lakewood Winery and the Stamp family have been the recipients of numerous awards and accolades some of which include Conservation Farmer of the Year, Lifetime Contribution Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, Winery Award, Growers Award, and the Wine Family of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Using a combination of cutting edge technology and traditional winemaking practices, the Stamp family, working with a very dedicated staff, is truly committed to producing consistently high quality wines; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional industry and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that 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 25th Anniversary of Lakewood Vineyards on May 22, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lakewood Vineyards.