

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Turning Point Dairy upon the occasion of its designation as a recipient of the Farm Safety Award and attaining Century Farm recognition from the New York State Agricultural Society

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 sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the milestones of those families 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 congratulate Turning Point Dairy upon the occasion of its designation as a recipient of the Farm Safety Award and attaining Century Farm recognition from the New York State Agricultural Society; and

WHEREAS, The honors were presented at the Society's recent 181st annual agricultural forum in Syracuse; located on Saratoga County Route 67, the fourth-generation farm is owned and operated by Martin, Cathy, Patrick and Sherry Hanehan, who received a commemorative plaque and a monetary award from Cargill Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Turning Point Dairy, with 18 employees, has always had a mission of safety first; a previous accident involving one of its trucks prompted the owners to redouble their safety efforts on the farm; the Hanehan Family hosts regularly scheduled safety meetings for all employees, whether they work outside in the field, indoors, caring for livestock, or part of the milking crew; and

WHEREAS, The Hanehan Family is not only committed to farm safety, but also to the firefighters and first responders who are called in for farm emergencies; Martin Hanehan is a volunteer firefighter and worked on a training manual to educate first responders about the layouts of farms in the area; the book, FARM EMERGENCY GUIDE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS, helps to ensure first responder safety while they perform farm emergency rescues; and

WHEREAS, The Turning Point farm safety program includes employee classes, such as a pre-harvest class about harvest operations safety; the training offers written protocols and a verbal safety class, including bilingual instruction; and

WHEREAS, The Turning Point Dairy management team has established a farm safety committee which conducts formal training and mentoring programs with regular frequency, along with a safety inspection program; and

WHEREAS, The Turning Point Dairy continues to change and expand with the times, and is poised for success for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the success of this exceptional family 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 congratulate Turning Point Dairy upon the occasion of its designation as a recipient of the Farm Safety Award and attaining Century Farm recognition from the New York State Agricultural Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Hanehan Family.