

**BY:** Senator HELMING

**HONORING** Hannah Worden upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Paul and Peg Zimmerman Agriculture Appreciation Award

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of individuals who are committed to the preservation of our agriculture industry and the enhancement of the appreciation of the distinctive features of our surroundings; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Hannah Worden upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Paul and Peg Zimmerman Agriculture Appreciation Award by the Cornell Cooperative Extension, Ontario County Farm Bureau and Ontario County Agricultural Enhancement Board, to be recognized at its Agriculture Appreciation Celebration on Friday, March 24, 2017, at Club 86, Geneva, New York; and

**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,** Born and raised on a dairy farm in Ontario County, Hannah Worden helped with her family's calves and chores from an early age; and

**WHEREAS,** Growing up, Hannah Worden was active in Midlakes School, 4-H, Junior Holstein, and was selected as an Ontario County Dairy Princess; she was also a semi-finalist in the Holstein Association's National Distinguished Junior Contest; and

**WHEREAS,** With a degree in Dairy Science from Cornell University, Hannah Worden works in the field of dairy genetics as a Cornerstone Representative and Genetic Mating Service Specialist for ABS Global; and

**WHEREAS,** Hannah Worden serves her community as Director of the Ontario County Farm Bureau Board; she is also a member of the Ontario County Dairy Princess Committee and a partner at Will-O-Crest Farm in Clifton Springs; and

**WHEREAS,** With her throughout have been her husband, Matthew, and their children, Catherine and Emily, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** It is incumbent upon all citizens to recognize and applaud the efforts of individuals such as Hannah Worden who work tirelessly on behalf of protecting and promoting our natural surroundings for the benefit of present and future generations of New Yorkers; now,

therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Hannah Worden upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Paul and Peg Zimmerman Agriculture Appreciation Award; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hannah Worden.