

**BY:** Senator SEWARD

**COMMENDING** Richard and Dorothy Dickman upon the occasion of their designation as 2017 Inductees into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Richard and Dorothy Dickman upon the occasion of their designation as 2017 Inductees into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, to be recognized at an Induction Ceremony on Friday, May 19, 2017, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction was established in 2012, by the Auburn Education Foundation to recognize, honor and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, or civic achievements and to inspire current students to pursue a path towards personal success; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard and Dorothy Dickman, Auburn High Class of 1951, have continually demonstrated tremendous competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in their unwavering service to both their community and their profession and consequently have been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

**WHEREAS,** Third generation owners of Dickman Farms, Richard and Dorothy Dickman are true community leaders; they have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

**WHEREAS,** Established in 1903, Dickman Farms has operated as an exclusive supplier and rooting station to the Ball Horticulture Company since 1997, producing young plants and shipping in excess of 120,000 liner trays throughout North America; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, Dickman Farms ships more than 10 million plants annually to growers across the United States, and more than eight million finished plants are shipped to independent garden centers; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the luminous direction of Richard and Dorothy Dickman, Dickman Farms Garden Center has annually been named one of Today's Garden Center Top Revolutionary Garden Centers in the nation since 2008, and offers numerous educational events and workshops throughout the year to inspire gardening and home beautification; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Richard and Dorothy Dickman have

stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Richard and Dorothy Dickman have displayed throughout their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Richard and Dorothy Dickman upon the occasion of their designation as 2017 Inductees into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard and Dorothy Dickman.