

BY: Senator LARKIN

COMMENDING The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame upon the occasion of celebrating its 2018 Hall of Fame Day on July 1, 2018, and applauding the 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees and honorees

WHEREAS, Organizations which serve the interests of the people of this Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame upon the occasion of celebrating its 2018 Hall of Fame Day, and to applaud the 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees and honorees; this auspicious event will be held at The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame in Goshen, New York, on Sunday, July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its President, Lawrence S. DeVan and Director, Janet T. Terhune, The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame is one of the sport's most visible and effective ambassadors; its efforts put the positive, exciting activities of Harness Racing in the spotlight and in the public eye; it is a permanent reminder of the history and culture of America's first national pastime and is an energetic cheerleader for tomorrow's good times; and

WHEREAS, The Museum is a not-for-profit, educational institution, hosting thousands of visitors a year; they include vast numbers of school children, who learn about America's first sport, Harness Racing, and discover the important role it played in the development of our country; and

WHEREAS, The Museum is a major tourist attraction and is also the repository for the sport's memorabilia, its fine art, its driving silks, harness, photos, books, film and video; it provides research services, promotional campaigns, and hosts many community service organizations, adult tour groups and children's educational programs; in addition, it chronicles the story of the sport in exciting, informational, interactive exhibits; and

WHEREAS, The sport's Hall of Fame is contained within The Harness Racing Museum and recognizes horses and humans in three main categories: Living Persons, Living Horses, and Immortals; and

WHEREAS, Hall of Fame Day is held annually on the first Sunday in July at The Harness Racing Museum, and significant contributors to the sport are honored at this event; and

WHEREAS, On Hall of Fame Day 2018, the Museum's Trustees will hold their annual meeting in the William Haughton Memorial Hall; in addition, first class racing will be held at Historic Track, featuring the Hall of Fame Invitational Trot, along with an autograph session with

participating Hall of Fame drivers; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Harness Racing community will honor the following inductees: Living Hall of Fame, Jules Siegel and Margareta Wallenius-Kleberg; Communicators' Hall of Fame, Carl Becker and Dave Briggs; Hall of Fame Immortal, Hakan Wallner; Living Horse Hall of Fame, Cantab Hall and Western Ideal; and Living Horse Hall of Fame Broodmares, Gala Dream and Sweet Future; and

WHEREAS, The Harness Racing Museum's 2017 Horse of the Year, Hannelore Hanover, will also be officially recognized; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame and its 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees and honorees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame upon the occasion of celebrating its 2018 Hall of Fame Day, and to applaud the 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees and honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President Lawrence S. DeVan, Director Janet T. Terhune, The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame, and to the aforementioned 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees and honorees.