

Assembly Resolution No. 1418

**BY:** M. of A. Oaks

**COMMENDING** Skip Jensen upon the occasion of his retirement after 17 years of distinguished service as a Field Advisor for the New York Farm Bureau

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Skip Jensen upon the occasion of his retirement after 17 years of distinguished service as a Field Advisor for the New York Farm Bureau; and

**WHEREAS,** Skip Jensen grew up on the family farm in Penn Yan; he attended Cornell, then came home to the dairy farm; he and his wife, Jennifer, operated the farm for many years where they raised their three daughters; and

**WHEREAS,** In the 1990s, Skip Jensen sold the dairy farm and first went to work with El-Vi Farms in Newark, then as a spray technician for Agway Cooperative; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2001, Skip Jensen began his career with the New York Farm Bureau where he has been a Field Advisor in the Finger Lakes Region, responsible for six county Farm Bureaus, including: Wayne, Ontario, Yates, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tompkins; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the last 17 years, Skip Jensen has helped local farmers deal with a variety of issues such as: Right-to-Farm, Regulatory Policy, Animal Care, Agriculture Assessment, Easement/Right of Ways, Taxation, Agricultural Education, and more; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, Skip Jensen has been a tireless advocate for Finger Lakes Agriculture, his passion for farming evident at all times; and

**WHEREAS,** One of his favorite Farm Bureau causes has been the Foundation for Agricultural Education, which raises funds to educate the non-farm public about modern agriculture; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the years, Skip Jensen has been involved in several Agricultural organizations including: Farm Bureau, DairyLea Cooperative, DHIA, Genex, and others; he also served for several years on the Penn Yan School Board; and

**WHEREAS,** After retiring from the New York Farm Bureau, Skip Jensen will stay busy with his many interests such as working with his neighbors in the Mennonite Community, tending to animals on his small

farm, and especially his bees; he has several hives he harvests honey from, and puts on neighboring farms to pollinate crops; 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 Skip Jensen upon the occasion of his retirement, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Skip Jensen.