

BY: Senator PALUMBO

HONORING Lilia Perez of RGNV upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Decanter World Wine Award

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing economic well-being of 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 honor Lilia Perez of RGNV upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Decanter World Wine Award which was presented on Wednesday, July 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The 18th Annual Decanter World Wine Awards (DWAA), an internationally recognized competition highlighting the best of the world's wine, recognized Lilia Perez of RGNV vineyards with a Gold Medal for her 2019 Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon blend from the North Fork Region of New York; and

WHEREAS, During this year's event, more than 18,000 entries from 56 countries were rated for quality, with Lilia Perez's 2019 Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon blend scoring a 95, meaning it's a classic, great wine; and

WHEREAS, With its first vines planted by the Rivero Gonzalez family in Parras, Coahuila, Mexico, in 1998, RGNV is now a family of winemakers with a deep regard for their heritage which brings a unique perspective to their business; and

WHEREAS, A winemaker at RGNV, Lilia Perez traveled to France on behalf of the Rivero Gonzalez brand to get her master's degree in vineyard and winery management; and

WHEREAS, Using this experience, Lilia Perez began to experiment with a white Bordeaux; after approximately six months of aging in a neutral oak barrel, she and her co-workers bottled the complex wine which is very expressive on the nose and very well balanced; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lilia Perez of RGNV upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Decanter World Wine Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lilia Perez, Winemaker, RGNV.