

BY: Senator AKSHAR

CONGRATULATING Shelby Benjamin upon the occasion of being crowned the 2021-2022 New York State Dairy Princess

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by citizens of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Shelby Benjamin upon the occasion of being named the 2021-2022 New York State Dairy Princess; and

WHEREAS, The Dairy Princess program, sponsored by the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, seeks to highlight the nutrition and importance of dairy products while also fostering a deeper appreciation of local dairy farmers within the community; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Norwich, New York, Shelby Benjamin was named New York State Dairy Princess after competing against 11 county dairy princesses from across the state; and

WHEREAS, Competition in the 58th State pageant included a personal interview, a prepared speech, a product knowledge test and a writing skills test as well as informal interaction with others; judges evaluated the contestants on their communication skills, knowledge of the dairy industry, poise and personality; and

WHEREAS, From all of the speeches delivered by pageant contestants, Shelby Benjamin's prepared speech was recognized by the judges as the best one; and

WHEREAS, As State Dairy Princess, Shelby Benjamin will receive a scholarship and represent the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc. at county dairy princess pageants, farm meetings and special events throughout New York State; she will continue to spread the message of the importance of agriculture and she will help train new county promoters at seminars and workshops; and

WHEREAS, Through her active involvement in the community and her sincere dedication to local dairy farming, Shelby Benjamin is a true role model for her peers; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this young woman now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers and parents; and

WHEREAS, Shelby Benjamin exemplifies the best potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; she has brought enduring honor to her family and her community through her many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Shelby Benjamin upon the occasion of being crowned the 2021-2022 New York State Dairy Princess, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shelby Benjamin.