

Senate Resolution No. 14

BY: Senator PALUMBO

HONORING Duck Walk Vineyards upon the occasion of its designation as a Gold Medalist by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation on July 12, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 the 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 Duck Walk Vineyards upon the occasion of its designation as a Gold Medalist by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation at its 36th Annual New York Wine Classic on Tuesday, July 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The 36th Annual New York Wine Classic is a nationally recognized competition highlighting the best of New York's wine; and

WHEREAS, Seeing an unprecedented growth over the past few years and allowing wine enthusiasts to enjoy this unique part of the New York experience across the state, this extraordinary vineyard has truly showcased why New York State is a premier wine destination; and

WHEREAS, Duck Walk Vineyards was awarded for its 2019 Malbec; 2019 Pinot Noir; 2019 Reserve, Merlot; 2021 Reserve, Chardonnay; 2021 Riesling; and NV Brut Methode Champenoise; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Dr. Herodotus "Dan" Damianos and his son, Alexander, founded Duck Walk Vineyards; the Chateau-style building in Water Mill, a true Hamptons landmark, became home to what has quickly evolved into one of the most well-known names in Long Island wine; and

WHEREAS, With two locations, Duck Walk Vineyards' flagship winery is located in Southampton, New York; in 2007, they added a new location on the North Fork of Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Surrounded by 30 beautiful acres of Sauvignon Blanc grape vines, Duck Walk Vineyards North is an ideal location to taste its renowned wines while visiting Long Island's famous Wine Trail; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, this esteemed vineyard has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Duck Walk Vineyards is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated owners and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the businesses and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business, its contributions to the local and state economies, and its vibrant role in improving the quality of life in its community, fully confident it will continue to enjoy the same sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Duck Walk Vineyards upon the occasion of its designation as a Gold Medalist by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation on July 12, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Duck Walk Vineyards.