

Senate Resolution No. 1924

BY: Senator OBERACKER

CONGRATULATING Evelyn Kersmanc upon the occasion of being named the 2024-2025 New York State Dairy Ambassador on February 24, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York and to the quality of life of its people; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Evelyn Kersmanc upon the occasion of being named the 2024-2025 New York State Dairy Ambassador; she was selected for this prestigious position on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at a virtual contest streaming from Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, 16 counties participated in naming a county dairy ambassador and of those five counties sent representatives to the two-day state level competition, where participants were judged on a personal interview, impromptu questions, a prepared speech, a product knowledge exam, writing skills and informal interaction with others, communication skills and knowledge of the dairy industry; and

WHEREAS, As New York State Dairy Ambassador, Evelyn Kersmanc also received a \$2,000 scholarship and an internship opportunity with American Dairy Association North East; and

WHEREAS, The second person from Otsego County to hold this honor and the first from the County in 20 years, Evelyn Kersmanc is a 17-year-old senior at Worcester Central School who showed passion for the dairy industry since a young age, having grown up on her family's dairy farm; she has served as the Otsego County Dairy Ambassador since spring 2023; and

WHEREAS, As the Otsego County Dairy Ambassador over the past year, Evelyn Kersmanc has shown her passion for the dairy industry by participating in activities and speaking with people of all ages, from young children in schools to the elderly about the benefits of milk and dairy products; and

WHEREAS, In her new role as New York State Dairy Ambassador, Evelyn Kersmanc will be the spokesperson and advocate for 3,200 dairy farmers in the State; as dairy ambassador, she will attend special events to engage with and educate consumers on the nutritional benefits of milk and dairy foods, how farmers care for their cows and their land in order to produce a sustainable product and the importance of the dairy industry to the New York State economy; and

WHEREAS, As ambassador, Evelyn Kersmanc is committed to helping passionate young dairy farmers build their critical professional skills

and confidence in order to be the very best they can be; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 congratulate Evelyn Kersmanc upon the occasion of being named the 2024-2025 New York State Dairy Ambassador on February 24, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Evelyn Kersmanc.