

BY: Senator PALUMBO

HONORING Sparkling Pointe 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 Sparkling Pointe 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, Sparkling Pointe was awarded for its 2016 Seduction Methode Champenoise Blanc De Blancs, 2016 Seduction Methode Champenoise Blanc De Noirs, 2017 Methode Champenoise Blanc De Blancs, 2018 Methode Champenoise Brut, 2019 Topaz Imperial Methode Champenoise Brut Rose, and NV Methode Imperial Methode Champenoise Brut Nature; and

WHEREAS, Sparkling Pointe wines are sustainably grown on three vineyard sites comprising 40 acres within the North Fork of Long Island American Viticultural Area; carefully selected clones of Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, and Chardonnay comprise all three vineyard sites; grapes are hand tended and hand harvested by a vineyard crew overseen by North Fork Veteran Steve Mudd; and

WHEREAS, Sparkling Pointe's state of the art winemaking facility was completed in the summer of 2010; dedicated to the exclusive production of Methode Champenoise Sparkling Wines, the winery features a bladder press for gentle whole cluster pressing of the grapes, a tank room of 30,000 gallons for temperature controlled fermentations, 3,000 bottle-per-hour bottling line, 2,000 bottle gyro pallet riddling machine, fully automated disgorging line, and a well-equipped laboratory delivering daily wine analysis; 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 Sparkling Pointe 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 Sparkling Pointe 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 Sparkling Pointe.