

BY: Senator WALCZYK

HONORING Dallen and Madalynn Farney upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Lewis County Young Farmer Award by the Lewis County Dairy Industry Building Committee

WHEREAS, The agricultural industry is part of the foundation upon which our distinct American heritage is built; and

WHEREAS, New York State and the entire United States is dependent on our agricultural industry for a variety of food products; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of our farmers as they continue their hard work of cultivating the land, facing the many challenges of nature such as flood, drought and heat, in order to grow our food; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dallen and Madalynn Farney upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Lewis County Young Farmer Award by the Lewis County Dairy Industry Building Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dallen and Madalynn Farney, a fourth generation farming family, are being recognized for their excellence in farm, dairy herd, crop, and business/financial management; and

WHEREAS, The Farney farm was originally purchased by Webster and Elbeena Farney in 1938; Herbert and Berneda Farney, the great-grandparents of Dallen, continued farming the land beginning in 1950; in the early 1980s, brothers Stephen and Dale Farney took over the farm, with Dallen Farney joining in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Farneys manage 350 Holstein cows, 300 acres of corn, and 400 acres of hay; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to their community, Dallen Farney is involved in Farm Bureau, the Board of Directors of Lowville Producers, and was previously on the Board of Directors for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to maintaining high standards of quality, these esteemed farmers have worked tirelessly to overcome obstacles and challenges, while constantly learning new techniques and methods to achieve the best results in their field; and

WHEREAS, Through their diligence and expertise in farming, Dallen and Madalynn Farney have brought pride and recognition to their farm, local community, and to our great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when

exceptional farmers of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dallen and Madalynn Farney upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Lewis County Young Farmer Award by the Lewis County Dairy Industry Building Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dallen and Madalynn Farney.