LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Reyncrest Farms of Darien, New York, upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition as 2009 Conservation Farm of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of business organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The agricultural industry is part of the foundation upon which our distinct American Heritage is built; New York State and the entire United States are dependent on our agricultural industry for a variety of food and dairy products; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Reyncrest Farms of Darien, New York, upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition as 2009 Conservation Farm of the Year; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated during the Celebrate Agriculture Dinner, to be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at the Alexander Firemen's Recreation Hall in Alexander, New York; and

WHEREAS, Co-owned by John and Shelley Reynolds, Reyncrest Farms has been named the recipient of the 2009 Conservation Farm of the Year Award by the Board of Directors of the Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, First begun as a 70 cow dairy in 1964 by John's father, the late Edward Reynolds, Reyncrest Farms has evolved into an exemplary business in today's agricultural world; the farm grows feed crops on 1,500 acres and has more than 600 dairy cows; and

WHEREAS, A longtime family business, Reyncrest Farms was chosen for this prestigious award because of its environmentally friendly ways, including crop rotation, growing grass buffers along streams and ditches, and installing an extensive and sophisticated drainage system; and

WHEREAS, A repeat winner of the award, a rare distinction, the farm was first recognized for its environmental leadership in 1982; the award is not for just one year but a recognition of the many years that Reyncrest Farms has been a great family farm; and

WHEREAS, Along with co-owners John and Shelley Reynolds, Reyncrest Farms has 10 employees, including John's brothers, Paul and Jim; they are part of a team that makes the production of high-quality milk a priority; and

WHEREAS, Reyncrest Farms built a new barn in 2008 and a new milking structure in 1997; during the previous year, its barn was one of only five chosen nationwide for refurbishment as part of the Campbell's "Help Grow Your Soup" campaign; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when business organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Reyncrest Farms of Darien, New York, upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition as 2009 Conservation Farm of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John and Shelley Reynolds, Reyncrest Farms, Darien, New York.