BY: Senator PALUMBO

HONORING eight Long Island vineyards upon the occasion of their designation as Gold Medalists by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation on March 18, 2021

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 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 eight Long Island vineyards upon the occasion of their designation as Gold Medalists by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation at its 35th Annual New York Wine Classic on Thursday, March 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The 35th 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, these eight extraordinary vineyards have truly showcased why New York State is a premier wine destination; and

WHEREAS, McCall Wines was awarded for its 2014 Reserve Corchaug Estate Pinot Noir, its 2016 Reserve North Ridge Vineyard Chardonnay, its 2015 North Ridge Vineyard Cabernet Franc, and its 2013 Ben's Blend Corchaug Estate; and

WHEREAS, Coffee Pot Cellars was awarded for its 2015 Heritage Red Blend; and

WHEREAS, Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard was awarded for its 2019 Savannah Rose; and

WHEREAS, Osprey's Dominion was awarded for its 2015 Cabernet Franc, its 2014 Cabernet Franc and its 2013 Reserve Merlot; and

WHEREAS, Palmer Vineyard was awarded for its 2015 Old Roots Merlot; and

WHEREAS, Sparkling Pointe was awarded for its 2015 Seduction Blanc De Blancsm Chardonnay, its 2018 Topaz Imperial and its 2017 Noir De Noirs, Pinot Noir; and

WHEREAS, Suhru Wines was awarded for its 2019 Pinot Grigio; and

WHEREAS, The Lenz Winery was awarded for its 2013 Old Vines, Cabernet Sauvignon, its 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, its 2017 Estate Selection Malbec and its NV Firefly Rose Pet Nat; and

WHEREAS, Over their distinguished history's, these eight esteemed vineyards have demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of these vineyards is in direct correlation to the efforts of their 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 these exceptional businesses, their contributions to the local and state economies, and their vibrant roles in improving the quality of life in their communities, fully confident they will continue to enjoy the same sparkling successes they have experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor eight Long Island vineyards upon the occasion of their designation as Gold Medalists by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation on March 18, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to McCall Wines, Coffee Pot Cellars, Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard, Osprey's Dominion, Palmer Vineyard, Sparkling Pointe, Suhru Wines, and the Lenz Winery.