Senate Resolution No. 1507

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

HONORING Wisdom Farm upon the occasion of its designation as Organization of the Year by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated on March 19, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those outstanding organizations whose commitment, dedication and service contribute significantly to the vitality and well-being of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Wisdom Farm upon the occasion of its designation as Organization of the Year by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 53rd Annual Awards Gala on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Wisdom Farm is a not-for-profit organization located in Clarence Center, New York, founded by Karen Arrison and her late husband, and is devoted to fostering environments and experiences that promote healing and a return to wellness for both animals and individuals; and

WHEREAS, Wisdom Farm is an interactive and integrative wellness farm whose mission centers on the rescue, rehabilitation, and lifelong care of horses, and the use of those horses in equine facilitated learning experiences designed to support returning veterans coping with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), as well as others who may benefit from such therapeutic programs; and

WHEREAS, Through innovative and compassionate programming, Wisdom Farm offers equine facilitated workshops, Family Healing Days, Wise Warriors Yoga at the Pond, the Heroes Harvest Veterans Garden Project, the Stable Fists Shadow Boxing Program, and an annual Veterans Day Family Day Celebration, in addition to a Young Readers Program serving children of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Through strategic fundraising and community support, Wisdom Farm has ensured that all programs are provided at no cost to veterans, their families, and caregivers, thereby removing barriers to access and reinforcing its deep commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Each animal resident of Wisdom Farm has been rescued, retired, or rehomed to the farm, where they receive compassionate care and play an integral role in the healing journeys of those they serve; and

WHEREAS, The vision and leadership of Karen Arrison has been central to the success of Wisdom Farm; she is a longtime resident of Clarence Center, New York, and currently serves as President of the Clement and

Karen Arrison Legacy Foundation, as well as the Clement and Karen Arrison Family Charitable Foundation, and is President of Karen Fick Design, Inc., a position she has held for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Karen Arrison has demonstrated an enduring commitment to cultural preservation, philanthropy, and civic leadership, serving on numerous boards including Buffalo Toronto Public Media, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation, Kleinhans Music Hall, The Preservation League of New York State, SASI, and The American Holistic Veterinary Medical Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she and her late husband were honored with the Preservation Buffalo Niagara Award for Restoration and the Red Jacket Award, and are patrons of the Stradivari Society of Chicago, reflecting a lifetime dedication to preservation, arts, and community enrichment; and

WHEREAS, The Clarence Chamber of Commerce's recognition of Wisdom Farm as Organization of the Year is a fitting tribute to an organization whose compassion, innovation, and service have strengthened the Clarence community and enriched the lives of countless individuals and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Wisdom Farm upon the occasion of its designation as Organization of the Year by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 19, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Karen Arrison, Wisdom Farm.