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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and industries which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and 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 celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail; and

WHEREAS, Thirty years ago, four wineries along Cayuga Lake knew if they wanted to increase visitation and stay prosperous they had to build the area into a destination, thus was born America's first wine trail; and

WHEREAS, The Cayuga Lake Wine Trail was the first organized and longest running wine trail in New York, established in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Since then, the Trail has become a model for other wine trails both in New York and around the country; and

WHEREAS, With its eastern exposures, Cayuga Lake Wine Trail vineyards are bathed in early morning sunshine, which helps to ripen their grapes in the northern, cool-climate region; and

WHEREAS, Vineyard elevations never exceed 800 feet above the lake's surface and steep slopes run down to its shore, facilitating air patterns that create a unique microclimate in autumn, creating a perfect harvest season; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the continuous air flow is helpful in preventing cold pockets from settling and forming frost on the vines, extending the growing season to 165-170 days on average, which is three weeks longer than many other areas in the Finger Lakes region, making Cayuga Lake truly unique; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail is made up of 15 wineries, one cidery, one meadery and four distilleries producing products made with the highest set of standards; and

WHEREAS, The Cayuga Lake Wine Trail offers a variety that is unmatched

in wine touring and tasting; nowhere else will travelers experience such a multitude of premium wines, attractions, comfortable lodgings, fine restaurants, friendly people, and splendid scenery; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional industry and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cameron Hosmer, President, the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail.