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NEW YORK FARM BUREAU NAMES “CIRCLE OF FRIENDS” IN STATE LEGISLATURE

Albany, NY – New York Farm Bureau has come out with its annual “Circle of Friends,” naming 158 State Legislators to the distinguished list. The award is an indication of the individual lawmaker’s support of New York agriculture and the Farm Bureau.

The “Circle of Friends” honor is based upon each legislator’s voting record on issues of agricultural importance as well as other evidence of legislative support, including sponsorship of bills that New York Farm Bureau has either supported or opposed during the most recent legislative session.

“The selected lawmakers from both the Assembly and Senate were chosen for their commitment to the hard working farm families in New York. Each friend has demonstrated that they understand the importance of agriculture to the people of their legislative district, and how farming significantly impacts the economy of this great state,” said Dean Norton, President of New York Farm Bureau.

The “Circle of Friends” is not an endorsement, and this distinction only recognizes the 2015 legislative session.

“Circle of Friends” recipients for 2015 are:

New York Senate:

Joseph Addabbo
George Amedore
John Bonacic
Philip Boyle
Neil Breslin
David Carlucci
Thomas Croci
John DeFrancisco
Hugh Farley
Simcha Felder

John Flanagan
Rich Funke
Patrick Gallivan
Michael Gianaris
Martin Golden
Joseph Griffo
Jesse Hamilton
Kemp Hannon
Timothy Kennedy
Jeffrey Klein

George Latimer
Kenneth LaValle
Andrew Lanza
William Larkin
Elizabeth Little
Carl Marcellino
Kathy Marchione
Jack Martins
Velmanette Montgomery
Terrance Murphy

Senate Continued:

Michael Nozzolio
Thomas O'Mara
Robert Ortt
Marc Panepinto
Jose Peralta
Michael Ranzenhofer

Patty Ritchie
Joseph Robach
Diane Savino
Susan Serino
James Seward

Toby Ann Stavisky
Andrea Stewart-Cousins
David Valesky
Michael Venditto
Cathy Young

New York Assembly:

Peter Abbate, Jr.
Thomas Abinanti
Jeffrion Aubrey
Will Barclay
Didi Barrett
Michael Benedetto
Michael Blake
Ken Blankenbush
Joseph Borelli
Karl Brabenec
Edward Braunstein
James Brennan
Anthony Brindisi
Harry Bronson
Alec Brook-Krasny
Mark Butler
Kevin Cahill
John Ceretto
Vivian Cook
Jane Corwin
Marcos Crespo
Cliff Crouch
Brian Curran
Michael Cusick
Steven Cymbrowitz
Maritza Davila
Michael DenDekker
Eric Dilan
David DiPietro
Janet Duprey
Steven Englebright
Herman Farrell
Christopher Friend
Gary Finch
Michael Fitzpatrick
Sandra Galef
Andrew Garbarino
Joseph Giglio

Mark Gjonaj
Andrew Goodell
Richard Gottfried
Al Graf
Aileen Gunther
Stephen Hawley
Earlene Hooper
Kimberly Jean-Pierre
Mark Johns
Michael Kearns
Ron Kim
Brian Kolb
Peter Lawrence
Joseph Lentol
Barbara Lifton
Peter Lopez
Donna Lupardo
Chad Lupinacci
Bill Magee
William Magnarelli
Nicole Malliotakis
Shelley Mayer
John McDonald, III
David McDonough
Thomas McKeivitt
Steve McLaughlin
Michael Miller
Michael Montesano
Joseph Morelle
Walter Mosley
Francisco Moya
Dean Murray
Bill Nojay
Daniel O'Donnell
Robert Oaks
Steven Otis
Philip Palmesano
Anthony Palumbo

Amy Paulin
Crystal Peoples-Stokes
Nick Perry
Roxanne Persaud
Victor Pichardo
Gary Pretlow
Edward Ra
Andrew Raia
Philip Ramos
Diana Richardson
Jose Rivera
Annette Robinson
Robert Rodriguez
Nily Rozic
Addie Russell
Sean Ryan
Joseph Saladino
Angelo Santabarbara
Michelle Schimel
Robin Schimminger
Frank Skartados
James Skoufis
Michaelle Solages
Daniel Stec
Philip Steck
Albert Stirpe
James Tedisco
Claudia Tenney
Fred Thiele
Matthew Titone
Raymond Walter
David Weprin
Carrie Woerner
Angela Wozniak
Keith Wright
Kenneth Zebrowski

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