LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph Riposo for a lifetime of achievements as a brilliant musician and motivational educator in the field of music

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those talented individuals, who have had a significant impact on the arts and culture of our communities by providing the public with brilliant entertainment and students with outstanding instruction in the field of music; one such individual is Joseph Riposo; and

    WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joseph Riposo for a lifetime of achievements as a brilliant musician and motivational educator in the field of music; and

    WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Riposo, who played the clarinet while growing up as a child in Syracuse, New York, began studying the saxophone in college at Syracuse University; and

    WHEREAS, After graduating with a music degree from Syracuse University in 1957, Joseph Riposo moved downstate to the US Army's Fort Dix, where he became Chief Instructor in the School of Music; and

    WHEREAS, Joseph Riposo also toured the globe with the Woodland Quartet, before returning to Syracuse in 1960, to start a successful career in music education; and

    WHEREAS, For 31 years, Joseph Riposo taught music at the Liverpool Central School District, mentoring and inspiring countless students in the field of music, and eventually assuming the leadership role of Director of Music Education for the school district; and

    WHEREAS, With Joseph Riposo's guidance, the Liverpool Central School District's music education program expanded and gained national recognition; and

    WHEREAS, Joseph Riposo also served as Jazz Coordinator for the New York State School of Music Association, receiving the presidential medallion for his contributions to the Association; and

    WHEREAS, Joseph Riposo was the first to serve in the position of Jazz Director for the CRC's jazz program, creating two programs for local youth; and

    WHEREAS, In 1991, Joseph Riposo retired from the Liverpool School District, but soon became the Director of Jazz Studies at Syracuse University, where he continues to provide students with a proven environment for successful learning; and

    WHEREAS, In order to expand his teaching audience, Joe Riposo has documented his expertise in more than 50 public books and compositions; and

    WHEREAS, As a master of many woodwind instruments, and as a composer and conductor, Joseph Riposo has performed with numerous bands at hundreds of venues throughout Central New York, New York State and the United States; and

    WHEREAS, Joseph Riposo has even performed with nationally-renowned artists, such as Tony Bennett, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Natalie King Cole; and

    WHEREAS, Joseph Riposo's legendary career has been defined by, but not limited to, various awards and achievements, including the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra Musicians Award for Outstanding Music Educator, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Award, the 2008 Jazz Educator of the Year Award, and the Outstanding Jazz Educators Award from the National Band Association for effective leadership in instrumental music education by developing successful jazz and concert bands in schools; and

    WHEREAS, In 1997, Joseph Riposo was inducted into the (Sammys) Syra-

cuse Area Music Awards Hall of Fame, and in 2003, he was inducted into the Fine Arts Hall of Fame; most recently, he was honored for his induction into the 2011 Sammys Music Educator Hall of Fame; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to hereby honor and recognize Joseph Riposo for his lifetime of achievements as a brilliant musician and motivational educator in the field of music; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Riposo.