

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the South Colonie Central School District upon the occasion of its designation as a 2013 Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those musical programs within our schools which distinguish themselves through their ability to inspire students to achieve excellence in musical performance; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the South Colonie Central School District upon the occasion of its designation as a 2013 Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The NAMM Foundation seeks to advance active participation in music-making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public service programs from the international music products industry; and

WHEREAS, The Best Community for Music Education designation recognizes collaborative, from-the-ground-up efforts of teachers, administrators, students, and parents who continually work to keep comprehensive music education as an integral part of the core curriculum; and

WHEREAS, The South Colonie Central School District has earned this esteemed honor in recognition of its outstanding commitment to actively promoting and nurturing a broad music program for all of its students; and

WHEREAS, The South Colonie Central School District employs 20 music teachers, and is supportive of the efforts of those dedicated educators to develop and enhance the individual talents of their students; and

WHEREAS, The South Colonie Central School District enjoys significant student participation in its music programs; more than 80% of its middle school students have some involvement in music, and more than 1,500 students play in band, orchestra, or chorus; and

WHEREAS, Each young musician in the South Colonie Central School District is deserving of recognition and acclaim for demonstrating remarkable commitment to perfecting their musical abilities; and

WHEREAS, Learning how to play an instrument can boost student achievement and thereby contribute to the goal shared by parents, educators and communities throughout this great State and Nation, academic success for all students; and

WHEREAS, Music study is most worthy of being encouraged and promoted; by providing students avenues for self-expression, tools for mastery, and opportunities to exhibit their skills to an audience, they attain self-esteem to last a lifetime; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the South Colonie Central School District upon the occasion of its designation as a 2013 Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the South Colonie Central School District.