

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mikayla Chan upon the occasion of her acceptance as a member of the Music for All National Festival Honor Band on March 10-12, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those young people within our midst whose nationally acclaimed accomplishments bring pride to their families, their communities, and to the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Each young musician in our schools is deserving of his or her own recognition and spotlight, for their remarkable commitment and hours of practice in perfecting their musical abilities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Mikayla Chan upon the occasion of her acceptance as a member of the Music for All National Festival Honor Band, to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 10-12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Music for All strives to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for everyone; this vital organization believes that music and arts education is a core to students' education and must be available to all students; and

WHEREAS, The non-competitive atmosphere of the Music for All National Festival provides a place for growth, cooperative encouragement and mutual respect among music programs, students, parents, boosters and administrators; there are no ratings or rankings so directors and their ensembles are free to stretch themselves, reach for new heights, and strive for innovation, growth and excellence, instead of focusing on a rating or placing; and

WHEREAS, A Sophomore at Herricks High School, Roslyn, New York, Mikayla Chan is honored to be accepted to this nationally-renowned band; a violinist, she will rehearse with other talented students from around the country under acclaimed conductors Richard Floyd, Director of the Austin Symphonic Band, and Larry Livingston, a Professor at the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she will have the opportunity to rehearse with members of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at Hilbert Circle Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Prior to being chosen to this prestigious group, Mikayla Chan submitted a video of herself playing two contrasting pieces up to six minutes in total; conservatory teachers judge their entries against others from around the country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Mikayla Chan, an exceptional musician, recognizing the value of her dedication to her art, and the promise of her future; and

WHEREAS, Music study is most worthy of being encouraged and promoted, as it provides an opportunity for students to exhibit their skills to an audience, thereby giving them self-esteem to last a lifetime; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mikayla Chan upon the occasion of her acceptance as a member of the Music for All National Festival Honor Band on March 10-12, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mikayla Chan.