

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Manhasset High School Marching Band upon the occasion of winning the 2015 New York State Marching Band Championship

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those dedicated and distinguished teams that are committed to the pursuit of excellence, bringing great pride to the citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Manhasset High School Marching Band upon the occasion of winning the 2015 New York State Marching Band Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Manhasset High School Marching Band captured its seventh consecutive New York State Marching Band Championship with a first place score of 81.75 in the Group 1A Competition on Sunday, October 18, 2015, at the Woodbridge High School, Woodbridge, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Manhasset High School Marching Band was recipient of awards for best percussion, music, visual effect, color guard, and overall effect; and

WHEREAS, Featuring musical selections from "Star Wars," the members of this outstanding group of performers displayed numerous complex marching routines, including an outstanding finale involving the Color Guard and a drum major; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Randy Knudsen, Director of Bands, the Manhasset High School Marching Band has participated in the USBands competition circuit for more than 14 years, winning the New York State Championship seven times; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Director, Randy Knudsen, the band was supported and mentored by Assistant Director, Mr. VanBoxel; Instructor, Mr. Minaya, and Color Guard Instructor, Mrs. Baskin; and

WHEREAS, It should be further noted that excellence in field band is possible only through vigorous practice and discipline, habits that will guide these young musicians to a lifetime of success in the musical field or other career fields; and

WHEREAS, It is known that dedicated and distinguished teams, such as the Manhasset High School Marching Band, cannot achieve the highest standards of success without the support of those who devote countless hours of their time to the marching band; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Manhasset High School Marching Band; its members: Alycia Abdur-Rashid, Lumin Abdur-Rashid, Troy Beattie, Kellyann Bock, Charlese Caldwell, Jeffrey Chin, Fred Chu, Andrew Comerford, Grace D'Ariano, Emma Fleishman, Joseph Gabriele, Calvin He, Mia Krishnamurthy, Serene Lee, Stephen Lee, Michelle Marcisak, Kevin McAleer, John Messina, Brian Morrissey, Brian Murray, Amanda Naccarato, John Palmadessa, Matthew Palmadessa, William Peng, Harry Petropoulos, Michael Polis, Elizabeth Rutkovsky, Sung Won Seo, Rachel Sloan, Adam Smotkin, Joseph Yoo, and Christine Yoo; all of who positively represent their school, who are role models to their classmates, who exemplify the marching band's goal of continued excellence, and who have brought great pride to their community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Randy Knudsen, Director of Bands, Mr. VanBoxel, Assistant Director, Mr. Minaya, Instructor, and Mrs. Baskin, Color Guard Instructor, as well as the members of the Manhasset High School Marching Band.