

Senate Resolution No. 319

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMENDING Patrick J. Piescor upon the occasion of his selection as a member of the 2016 National Association for Music Education All-National Chorus

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the dedication and commitment of our young people who distinguish themselves through excellence in musical competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Patrick J. Piescor upon the occasion of his selection as a member of the 2016 National Association for Music Education All-National Chorus; and

WHEREAS, After submitting a recording of him singing the tenor part to "Hallelujah," Patrick J. Piescor was one of 350 students selected from 49 states to be a part of this exceptional chorus; and

WHEREAS, From November 10-13, 2016, hundreds of exceptional young vocalists gathered in Grapevine, Texas, for the National Association for Music Education Conference to showcase their expert musicianship and perform a gala concert celebrating music education and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the four-day conference, Patrick J. Piescor truly enjoyed the camaraderie he found amongst his fellow musicians; the students rehearsed for numerous hours, participated in various workshops and attended different concerts each night; and

WHEREAS, As Patrick J. Piescor reflects on his extraordinary experience in Texas, he fondly recalls two moments which will likely stay with him the rest of his life; one conductor taught him a lesson about learning from your mistakes and another mentor suggested he sing to a friend you really care about; and

WHEREAS, This talented young man will likely take this advice to his next musical adventure; he has been chosen as a member of the upcoming National Association for Music Education All-Eastern Mixed Chorus; this prestigious conference will be held April 5-8, 2017, in Atlantic City, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Patrick J. Piescor discovered that he liked singing when he joined the fifth grade chorus; ever since then he has honed his talents and skills and plans on studying some form of music after he graduates from high school in June of 2017; and

WHEREAS, Music competition provides an opportunity for students to exhibit their practical skills to an audience, thereby giving them a sense of pride in their hard work and efforts; and

WHEREAS, Patrick J. Piescor exemplifies the best of the potential

inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; he has brought enduring honor to his family and community through his many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Patrick J. Piescor upon the occasion of his selection as a member of the 2016 National Association for Music Education All-National Chorus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patrick J. Piescor.