

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2018 Kenny Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form depicted, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those organizations and individuals whose commitment and creative talents have contributed to the entertainment and cultural enrichment of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2018 Kenny Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion was celebrated at the 25th Anniversary Kenny Awards Ceremony and Kenny Day on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at Shea's Performing Arts Center, Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Kenny Award was created in 1993, in honor of the late Dr. Ken Lipke, the founder of Gibraltar Steel; this prestigious award is a testament to his passion and dedication to the arts and his belief in the arts as an integral component of society; 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; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute's depiction of the Statues and Gargoyles from their presentation of **The Hunchback of Notre Dame** garnered its gifted students a Kenny Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the importance of the performing arts, dance and music, which act to inspire, enlighten, and unify people from all cultural backgrounds through the transcendent power of human expression; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2018 Kenny Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Buffalo, New York.