

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Richard Waterman for his 50 years of dedication and participation with the Camden Continentals Fife & Drum Corps

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the citizens of the State of New York to recognize and pay tribute to those institutions and individuals within our midst that diligently strive to uphold and promote excellence, while providing meaningful services to their members and the community at-large; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Richard Waterman for his 50 years of dedication and participation with the Camden Continentals Fife & Drum Corps; and

WHEREAS, Before its establishment in Camden, New York in 1945, the Camden Continentals Fife & Drum Corps was created in the mid-1800s within the Town of Taberg, New York under the direction of Alanson White; and

WHEREAS, Originally formed to play at political rallies and patriotic celebrations, the Camden Continentals Fife & Drum Corps adheres to the mission statement to entertain the people of Central New York, while promoting patriotism and a general sense of esprit de corps within the community; the Corps now appears in around 15 events per year at parades and musters; and

WHEREAS, Richard Waterman joined the Camden Continentals Fife & Drum Corps in the fall of 1973; he started out as a fifer for the first five years, then picked up the bass drum when the Corps was in need; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the mission of the oldest fife and drum corps in New York State, Richard Waterman still plays bass drum today and actively marches with the Corps; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments to preserve American Heritage are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Richard Waterman for his 50 years of dedication and participation with the Camden Continentals Fife & Drum Corps; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard Waterman.