

Senate Resolution No. 1803

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Jeffrey Waterman for his 60 years of dedication and service to 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 Jeffrey Waterman for his 60 years of dedication and service to the Camden Continentals Fife & Drum Corps; and

WHEREAS, Before its establishment in Camden, New York, 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; in 1945, the band moved to Camden and was named the Camden Continentals Fife & Drum Corps; 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, In 1850, the Corps acted as a Training Unit for the Army and in the past have performed in Washington DC for President Grant's inauguration; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Waterman was the Director of the Camden Continentals from 1973 to 2020, until his son, Randy Waterman, ultimately took over as director; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the mission of the oldest fife and drum corps in the State of New York, Jeffrey Waterman celebrated his golden anniversary with the Camden Continentals Fife & Drum Corps in August of 2014 and still continues to remain a dedicated member; like his ancestor, he beautifully plays the fife; 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 Jeffrey Waterman for his 60 years of dedication and service to

the Camden Continentals Fife & Drum Corps; and be it further

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