

**BY:** Senator LAVALLE

**COMMENDING** the Southampton String Orchestra upon the occasion of its participation in Music In Our Schools Month on March 19, 2020

**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 recognize and commend those musical organizations that have brought entertainment and cultural enrichment to the citizens of the great 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 commend the Southampton String Orchestra upon the occasion of its participation in Music In Our Schools Month; and

**WHEREAS,** The administrators of the Southampton Union Free School District are committed to actively promoting and nurturing a comprehensive music program for all the students of the district; and

**WHEREAS,** Those same administrators have been supportive, actively encouraging music program staff to devote their time and energy to developing the talents of their students; and

**WHEREAS,** The String Orchestra of Southampton High School, Southampton, New York, comprised of students of the highest musical and academic caliber, will be performing on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, New York, in celebration of Music In Our Schools Month; and

**WHEREAS,** Talent, dedication, and countless hours of practice have made the String Orchestra of Southampton High School the outstanding ensemble it is today; and

**WHEREAS,** Skillfully led by Director Nancy Caine, the members work hard at their music rehearsals, classroom assignments and practice sessions, fully aware that the amount of time and energy they are willing to expend directly affects the quality of their music; and

**WHEREAS,** The Southampton String Orchestra members, along with their parents and teachers, can be justifiably proud of their musical achievements and their participation in Music In Our Schools Month; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body extend a warm welcome to the staff and students of the Southampton String Orchestra as they visit Albany for their performance at the Empire State Plaza; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Director Nancy Caine, Southampton String Orchestra.