BY: Senator LAVALLE

COMMENDING the East Hampton High School Jazz Band upon the occasion of its participation in Music In Our Schools Month on March 16, 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 East Hampton High School Jazz Band upon the occasion of its participation in Music In Our Schools Month; and

WHEREAS, The administrators of the East Hampton 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 Jazz Band of East Hampton High School, East Hampton, New York, comprised of students of the highest musical and academic caliber, will be performing on Monday, March 16, 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 Jazz Band of East Hampton High School the outstanding ensemble it is today; and

WHEREAS, Skillfully led by Director Christopher Mandato, 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 East Hampton High School Jazz Band 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 East Hampton High School Jazz Band 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 Christopher Mandato, East Hampton High School Jazz Band.