

Senate Resolution No. 1958

**BY:** Senator COONEY

**COMMENDING** the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary

**WHEREAS,** It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and celebrate those institutions that contribute to the education and professional success of the citizens of this Great State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 1921, the Eastman School of Music has hosted countless esteemed performers, graduated many successful alums, and initiated numerous community education and other programs that bring the invaluable gift of music to the broader community; and

**WHEREAS,** The Eastman School of Music has hosted many great musical artists, including composers Igor Stravinsky, Aaron Copland, and John Williams, classical luminaries Itzhak Perlman, Yoyo Ma, and Eastman alumna Renee Fleming, jazz artists Duke Ellington, Wynton Marsalis, and Eastman alumnus Ron Carter, popular music artists George Gershwin, Jon Batiste, and James Taylor, and dancers Martha Graham, Garth Fagan Dance Company, and Rudolph Nureyev; and

**WHEREAS,** The School has also held many ensemble tours and special performances; in 1962, the Eastman Philharmonia made a pioneering cultural exchange tour of Europe and Soviet Russia, and also performed at Germany's Heidelberg Castle Festival in the 1980s; and

**WHEREAS,** The Eastman Wind Ensemble also toured Japan, the Far East and the United States six times between 1990 and 2000; the Eastman Jazz Ensemble performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival in the 1970s and again at Lincoln Center in 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** Along with its world-class, innovative performances, the Eastman School of Music has had an enduring positive impact on the community, spearheading many public programs and offerings, including the Sibley Music Library, which opened in 1904 and is now the largest collegiate/academic research library in North America, with manuscript and first-edition treasures of the likes of Debussy and Brahms; the Eastman Community Music School, which offers music lessons, classes, and workshops to community members; and Eastman Pathways and ROCMusic, which provide tuition-free music instruction to local students; and

**WHEREAS,** The Eastman School of Music has also had significant national and international impacts, including partnership agreements with leading music schools in Europe, Finland, and East Asia; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, the School established multiple innovative educational programs, including the Doctor of Musical Arts degree and the Institute for Music Leadership, enabling academic advancement for musicians with emphasis on artistry, scholarship, leadership and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** This vital institution connects world-class performing arts with medicine, with the recent addition of Eastman Performing Arts Medicine, a pioneering partnership between Eastman and the University of Rochester Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS,** The Eastman School of Music looks forward to contributing to the enrichment of its community, and to providing high quality education for its students in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester.