

BY: Senator PALUMBO

CONGRATULATING eight William Floyd Student-Musicians upon the occasion of being selected to represent their school and district in the 2022 New York State Band Directors Association All-State Honor Band Festival

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the dedication and commitment of our young people who distinguish themselves through excellence in musical events; and

WHEREAS, Music festivals provide an opportunity for students to exhibit their practical skills to an audience, thereby giving them a sense of pride in their hard work and efforts; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate eight William Floyd Student-Musicians upon the occasion of being selected to represent their school and district in the 2022 New York State Band Directors Association (NYSBDA) All-State Honor Band Festival which was held March 5-6, 2022, in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, These talented students were selected based on their outstanding New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) solo scores and upon director recommendation; additionally, four William Floyd High School students were selected as alternates; and

WHEREAS, The NYSBDA Honor Band selections included: William Paca Middle School-Joseph Cordaro, Director; Kolton Chamberlain, tuba, 8th grade; and Jackson Seifert, trombone, 8th grade; William Floyd Middle School-Dawn Conefry, Director; Jack Meyer, trumpet, 8th grade; Becky Neikens, flute, 7th grade; and Colin Smith, trumpet, 8th grade; William Floyd High School-Garry Helbock, Director; Kurtis Chamberlain, percussion, 12th grade; Justin Cooke, euphonium, 12th grade; and Ian Hua, flute, 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, The NYSBDA Honor Band alternates consisted of: William Floyd High School-Garry Helbock and Kim Hyland, Directors; Kassidy Chamberlain, piccolo and flute, 10th grade; Joshua Crespo, baritone saxophone, 9th grade; Thomas Francis, baritone saxophone, 12th grade; and Christina Girardi, bassoon, 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, Each of these young musicians are deserving of his or her own recognition and spotlight, for their remarkable commitment and hours of practice in perfecting their musical abilities; and

WHEREAS, Music study is most worthy of being encouraged and promoted, as it provides an opportunity for students to exhibit their skills to an audience, thereby giving them self-esteem to last a lifetime; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate eight William Floyd Student-Musicians upon the occasion of being selected to represent their school and district in the 2022 New York State Band Directors Association (NYSBDA) All-State Honor Band Festival; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the eight aforementioned William Floyd Student-Musicians and four alternatives.