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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra

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 commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, The Amherst Symphony Orchestra was founded in September of 1946, when Dr. Joseph Wincenc met with Homer Browning, Mrs. Sidney Marks, Mrs. E.N. Scott, and Philip Schweickhard to discuss starting a symphony orchestra in Amherst; and

WHEREAS, As a result, under the aegis of the Amherst Central High School Adult Education program, 50 interested musicians were invited to a meeting and rehearsal; Dr. Wincenc became the founding conductor/music director, retiring after 50 years on the podium in 1996; and

WHEREAS, At the start of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra's second season, the Eggertsville-Snyder Rotary Club undertook the financial and business management of the orchestra as one of its community service projects; in 1950, Loyal T. Murphy, then chairman of the Rotary Club Orchestra Committee, called for community wide control of the orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Since 1950, the community service of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra has been sponsored and supported by the Amherst Symphony Orchestra Association; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Amherst Symphony Orchestra is a volunteer orchestra made up of fine musicians who have had years of training and experience who provide Amherst and Western New York communities with a series

of four free concerts a year from October to April; performed at the Amherst Middle School, each concert provides a variety of music designed to appeal to and entertain those of all age groups and musical backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, The Amherst Symphony Orchestra is actively involved with school outreach programs to inspire young musicians and engage future audiences; the orchestra is also involved in Amherst's community life, by participating in such public activities as the annual Arts in Amherst day, Taste of Williamsville day and a Summer POPS concert at the Amherst Museum; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the community orchestra experience is to provide a friendly atmosphere for volunteer, professional and amateur musicians of all ages and exciting guest artists who create the joyful sounds that are symphonic music; and

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, The history, the heritage, and the lives of the people of all countries and all cultures are portrayed in their music and dance; the art and act of sharing them enriches us altogether; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Amherst Symphony Orchestra.