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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the winners of the 2011-2012 Long Island Philharmonic Young Artist Competition for Piano

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the winners of the 2011-2012 Long Island Philharmonic Young Artist Competition for Piano; the competition was held on Monday, April 2, 2012, at Steinway Piano Gallery in Melville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Philharmonic's Young Artist Competition is an integral part of the Orchestra's commitment to Arts-In-Education; and

WHEREAS, The competition offers aspiring young Long Island musicians an opportunity to achieve the recognition of their peers, the public, and the distinguished panel of judges; and

WHEREAS, Mark Fishman, an 11th grade student at Great Neck South High School, was awarded first prize, earning him the Christopher Keene Memorial Scholarship; he also performed with the Orchestra at the Philharmonic's 33rd Annual Gala at Oheka Castle on May 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Second prize, the Vincent S. Rossitto Memorial Award was awarded to Maxim Lando, a fourth-grader at John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Great Neck, New York; and

WHEREAS, Third prize, the Music Director Award, went to David Wu, a senior at Comsewogue High School in Port Jefferson Station; and

WHEREAS, Honorable mention was given to Alexander Huang, a sophomore at Carle Place Middle & High School in Carle Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each young musician is deserving of his or her own recogni-

tion 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 honor the winners of the 2011-2012 Long Island Philharmonic Young Artist Competition for Piano; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mark Fishman, Maxim Lando, David Wu, and Alexander Huang.