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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Shashaank Narayanan upon the occasion of recognition of his composition by the National Association for Music Education

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 talent, performance and composition; and WHEREAS, Music talent, performance and composition 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 fully in accord with its longstanding traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to congratulate Shashaank Narayanan upon the occasion of recognition of his composition by the National Association for Music Education; and WHEREAS, A fourth grade student at Roessleville Elementary School in Albany, New York, Shashaank Narayanan is enrolled in online music courses at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts; he was accepted at Berklee at the age of seven and a half; and WHEREAS, As a student at the Berklee College of Music, Shashaank Narayanan is currently enrolled in "World Music Composition Styles"; previously, he completed Berklee courses in "Music Composition for Film and TV" and "Counterpoint"; and

WHEREAS, Shashaank Narayanan's composition, "Mystery Cave," has been selected by the National Association for Music Education for performance in the Young Composer Concert at the 2013 Eastern Division Conference; and

WHEREAS, In addition to composing "Mystery Cave," Shashaank Narayanan has composed "Coastal Ride-Sonata No. 1 in A Minor for Piano" and "The Three Bees-Piano Solo with Lyrics"; and

WHEREAS, Shashaank Narayanan plays the piano and violin, and has composed approximately 60 short compositions utilizing orchestration techniques and various melodic, harmonic and rhythmic elements; he also enjoys reading, mathematics, science and aikido; and WHEREAS, Shashaank Narayanan's outstanding musical talents, perform-

ances and compositions have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which reflects favorably on his family, school and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Shashaank Narayanan upon the occasion of recognition of his composition by the National Association for Music Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shashaank Narayanan.