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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Phoenix Central School District Marching Band upon the occasion of winning the 2014 Small Schools Class 2 New York State Marching Band Championship

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those dedicated and distinguished teams that are committed to the pursuit of excellence, bringing great pride to the citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Phoenix Central School District Marching Band upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 Small Schools Class 2 New York State Marching Band Championship; and

WHEREAS, Known as the Firebirds, the Phoenix Central School District Marching Band traveled to the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York, on Sunday, October 26, 2014, to capture the championship; and

WHEREAS, The competition included more than 50 high schools from three states; each band performed a seven to ten minute show for a panel of 10 judges, and were evaluated on their musical and visual presentation; and

WHEREAS, When it was time to perform, each and every member of the Phoenix Central School District Marching Band had in mind the goal of representing themselves, their school and their community by performing with the highest standard of excellence; and

WHEREAS, The 2014 Phoenix Central School District Marching Band faced stiff competition from eight other schools in their class to win the Championship; and

WHEREAS, The musical arrangement performed by the Phoenix Central School District Marching Band was titled, "In the Grid" in which the Firebirds impressed the judges and scored an 86.59 to edge out the

marching band from Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, After all eight schools in the Small Schools 2 Class finished their performances and the judges tallied their scores, the Phoenix Firebirds came out victorious, to take first place in the competition; and

WHEREAS, No marching band can succeed without outstanding talent throughout its entire roster; such was the case for the 2014 Phoenix Central School District Marching Band whose members include: Kearra Backus, Mikayla Bailey, Catherine Barnhart, Donovan Basile, Maggie-Lee Basile, Madison Bird, Kevin Borza, Brian Breen, Amanda Briggs, Emma Brunell, Benjamin Bulgrien, Christopher Caltabiano, Caitlynn Crompt, Nathan Debiew, Hali Denniston, Joshua Dievendorf, Victoria Dievendorf, Kimber-Lyn Dolbear, Michael Doran, Skyler Dunn, Marris Ellis, Ashley Ewald, Nicole Fitzgerald, Emily Forget, Trinity Green, Jacqueline Greer, Alexis Hagg, Caitlyn Hahn, Alyssa Harrington, James Howe, Ethan Hunt, Ashley Johnson, Mason Lange, Ryan Lange, Nina Lewis, Joshua Margrey, Karly McCann, Christine McCarthy, Thomas McCarthy, Paige McEwen, Shania Meaker, Zachariah Neupert, Kaileigh Newman, Christopher Nicoella, Jacob Nicolini, Wyatt Parker, Skyler Patnode, Caytlyn Prickett, Makaylee Pulver, Aubrianna Renfrew, Jessie Ross, Justin Ross, Hannah Sallis, Natalie Schebell, Mairin Sgroi, Jacqueline Shaffer, Sean Sievers, Septima Stobart, Allison Strang, Carolanne Switzer, Zachary Thompson, Cheyenne VanBuskirk, Abigail Venskus, Maryssa Wallace, Derick White, Kaitlin White, and Carolyn Woodside; and

WHEREAS, The extremely high level of musical talent, hard work and team-centered mentality displayed by the members of the 2014 Phoenix Central School District Marching Band is due in part to the dedication

and guidance of Band Director, Nick Gerling, Assistant Director, Michelle Rudy, and a talented staff; and

WHEREAS, It should be further noted that excellence in field band is possible only through vigorous practice and discipline, habits that will

guide these young musicians to a lifetime of success in the musical field or other career fields; and

WHEREAS, It is known that dedicated and distinguished teams, such as the Phoenix Central School District Marching Band, cannot achieve the highest standards of success without the support of those who devote countless hours of their time to the marching band; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the members of the Phoenix Central School District Marching Band, who positively represent their school, who are role models to their classmates, who exemplify the marching band's goal of continued excellence, and who have brought great pride to their community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nick Gerling, Director of the Phoenix Central School District Marching Band, and Judy Belfield, School District Superintendent.