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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Carmel High School Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and Concert Choir

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed youth who have distinguished themselves in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Carmel High School Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and Concert Choir recently toured in Rome for one week, and performed at the Vatican; and

WHEREAS, The invitation to perform at the Vatican was extended to Carmel High School due to the school's consistent high scores in the rigorous New York State Music Association rankings; and

WHEREAS, The group of 105 musicians were accompanied by music teachers Dr. Joseph Phillips, Bryan Lynch, Dawn Bohin, and Peter Ballantoni; and

WHEREAS, Following a farewell concert at George Fischer Middle School on March 23, 2015, they departed for Rome on March 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The tour also included Vatican City, Florence, and Siena; and

WHEREAS, The musicians offered a wide selection of American standards for their European audience, including "I Hear America Singing," "Stars and Stripes Forever," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic"; and

WHEREAS, While performing before, during, and after Mass at St.

Peter's, their program included "Psalm 101," "Senzani Na," "Go Down, Moses," and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"; and

WHEREAS, This exciting tour was not only a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the young musicians, it is evidence of their remarkable dedication and musical ability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Carmel High School Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and Concert Choir; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to music teachers Dr. Joseph Phillips, Bryan Lynch, Dawn Bohin, and Peter Ballantoni.