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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Babylon Junior-Senior High School Symphonic Winds and Jazz Band upon the occasion of receiving top honors at the World Strides Heritage Performance Music Festival

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 competition; and

WHEREAS, Music competition provides 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 in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Babylon Junior-Senior High School Symphonic Winds and Jazz Band upon the occasion of receiving top honors at the World Strides Heritage Performance Music Festival on April 24-25, 2015, in Williamsburg, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The World Strides Heritage Music Festival, the country's most prestigious, was established more than 30 years ago to offer school bands, choirs, and orchestras from across the country access to perform renowned venues and exciting destinations, fostering a lifetime of music appreciation and creating memories that last forever; and

WHEREAS, 46 music students and their teachers from Babylon Junior-Senior High School traveled to Virginia to attend this auspicious annual event which high school bands, as well as orchestra and choir ensembles from across the country participate in the competition; and

WHEREAS, Babylon Junior-Senior High School's Symphonic Winds and Jazz Band each earned a gold rating on their performance along with two group trophies; they also received the Festival Sweepstakes Instrumental Trophy, which is presented to the school represented by the two instrumental groups that accumulated the highest number of points; and

WHEREAS, In addition, these remarkable musicians earned the Festival Spirit Award, which is presented to the group that best represented their school and community by demonstrating cooperation and enthusiastic support of all festival activities; and

WHEREAS, Angela Turk, Director for the Symphonic Winds, and Charles Leech, Director for the Jazz Band, have truly distinguished themselves through their ability to inspire their students to achieve excellence in musical performance; and

WHEREAS, In achieving this high musical honor, the Babylon Junior-Senior High School Symphonic Winds and Jazz Band may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence they bring to their family, friends, community and school; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our musicians, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which musicians can truly perform and in which music is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Babylon Junior-Senior High School Symphonic Winds and Jazz Band upon the occasion of receiving top honors at the World Strides Heritage Performance Music Festival; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Babylon Junior-Senior High School Symphonic Winds and Jazz Band.