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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating The Bells of Harmony upon the occasion of its induction into the Syracuse Area Music Awards Hall of Fame on March 3, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those talented individuals within our midst, who have had a significant impact on the arts and culture of our communities through their outstanding musical entertainment; such individuals include the members of the band, The Bells of Harmony; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate The Bells of Harmony upon the occasion of its induction into the Syracuse Area Music Awards (SAMMYS) Hall of Fame to be celebrated at a Ceremony on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at the Dinosaur Bar-B-Que in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Syracuse Area Music Awards (SAMMYS) were first established in 1993 to annually recognize and honor Syracuse's most prominent musicians and music educators, aiming to bring these individuals to the forefront of public attention; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Charles Cannon formed The Bells of Harmony in Syracuse, New York; since then, they have produced a gripping and harmonious gospel sound, along with an exciting live stage show which has wowed audiences for five decades; and

WHEREAS, Today, founder Charles Cannon still runs his radio program, the Charles Cannon Gospel House, which has been running every Friday afternoon since 1976 on WSIV-AM; and

WHEREAS, The Bells of Harmony has been one of the most active bands in Central New York; the group has performed at various venues and events throughout the community including Community Back to School, Concerts in

the Park, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, the Annual Juneteenth Celebration, Liverpool Public Library, M & T Jazzfest, New York State Fair, Oswego Harborfest, Redhouse, Sackets Harbor, Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, Syracuse University's Chancellor's Inauguration, and Syracuse University Newhouse School Dedication, as well as Utica's Live Monday Nite; and

WHEREAS, Throughout The Bells of Harmony's long and distinguished career, it has performed many popular songs, and is best known for the single, "The Lord Will Make a Way," which is a local favorite; and

WHEREAS, In its 50 years of existence, The Bells of Harmony has received countless awards and recognitions, including the Alpha & Omega Awards, CNY Urban Music Award as Best Gospel Group, National Council of Negro Women Community Service Award, and the 1994 Best Inspirational Act by the Syracuse Area Music Awards; and

WHEREAS, The Bells of Harmony has also shared the stage with several Grammy Award winners such as Shirley Caesar, The Canton Spirituals, The Mighty Clouds of Joy, The Soul Stirrers, and The William Brothers; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the talented members of The Bells of Harmony are Charles Cannon, who sings and writes songs; Howard Wright, who plays bass guitar and sings; Dwayne Cannon and Floyd Hodges, vocalists; John Carter and Glen McArthur, guitarists; Shaquan Kirby, drummer; and sound technician, Keith Cannon, as well as Manager, Kelvin A. Cannon; and

WHEREAS, With deep appreciation, this Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the spellbinding talents of The Bells of Harmony, and to wish them continuing success in all their future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate The Bells of Harmony upon the occasion of its induction

into the Syracuse Area Music Awards Hall of Fame on March 3, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Bells of Harmony.