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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Victor Marching Blue Devils upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the National Class at the 2015 New York State Field Band Conference Championships

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 and that bring 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 congratulate the Victor Marching Blue Devils upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the National Class at the 2015 New York State Field Band Conference Championships; and

WHEREAS, In preparation for state competition, members of the Victor Central School District Marching Band rehearsed for months, logging countless hours of practice to learn new music charts and perfect their skills; and

WHEREAS, At the 42nd Annual New York State Field Band Conference Championship, held on November 1, 2015, at the Syracuse University Carrier Dome, Syracuse, New York, the Victor Marching Blue Devils swept the National Class to secure the Championship; and

WHEREAS, The smallest band in the National Class, the Victor Marching Blue Devils won first place by defeating six other schools from across the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 Victor Marching Blue Devils, celebrating their 34th season in the New York State Field Band Conference, is made up of 96 students in grades 7-12; this year's field show, entitled Light to Dark, Dark to Light, earned a score of 98.40 out of a possible 100 points, the highest ever achieved in the band's history; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the season, the Victor Marching Blue Devils were undefeated in New York State Field Band Conference competition, receiving four First Place finishes and one Outstanding rating; and

WHEREAS, In addition, these hardworking students traveled to Ohio and competed in the Bands of America Bowling Green Regionals against bands from Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania; in preliminaries, the Band was named Class 2A Champions, receiving awards for Outstanding Music, Outstanding Visual, and Outstanding General Effect; in the Finals, they competed against nine other bands in four different classes placing fourth overall; and

WHEREAS, No marching band can succeed without outstanding talent throughout its entire roster, as well as the luminous guidance of Director, Eric Everhart, and his outstanding staff; this outstanding band was also supported by friends, family members and the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Victor Marching Blue Devils, individually and collectively, exhibited competence, skill and good sportsmanship while demonstrating they have an outstanding combination of talent and character; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Victor Marching Blue Devils upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the Small School 1 Class at the 2015 New York State Field Band Conference Championships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to members of the Victor Marching Blue Devils and Band Director, Eric Everhart.