

## **2017-J1394**

Senate Resolution No. 1394

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Regiment upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary

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 the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Regiment upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary at its Annual Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of the Assistant Principal of Music, Laurence Laurenzano, the first Fort Hamilton High School Marching Regiment was formed in 1991; during the first year, the students performed in Disneyworld and Universal Studios, in band competitions and marched in the Local Ragamuffin Parade; and

WHEREAS, For the last 15 years, Thomas P. Oberle, Assistant Principal of Performing Arts, has taken direction of the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Regiment; under his leadership the band has continued to compete in Festival Disney; they have also competed in Canada, Atlanta, Williamsburg, and Boston; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Regiment has marched in numerous parades including the Labor Day, St. Patrick's Day, Norwegian Day, Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and Greek Independence Parades, as well as many more; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Hamilton High School Marching Regiment has also performed for the National Football League and United Way at the Gridiron Gala; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Regiment is comprised of 130 members, most of whom also play in the Symphonic Band, Symphonic Orchestra and Jazz Band; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Regiment returned from their 25th out-of-State competition with more than 12 top awards, including five soloist awards; and

WHEREAS, Talent, dedication, and countless hours of practice have made the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Regiment the outstanding ensemble it is today; and

WHEREAS, The past and present members of the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Regiment, along with their parents, teachers and alumni, can be justly proud of their musical achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

congratulate the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Regiment upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas P. Oberle, Assistant Principal of Performing Arts, Fort Hamilton High School Marching Regiment.