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Senate Resolution No. 1397

BY: Senator BRESLIN

honoring the Schenectady Pipe Band upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Community Partnership Award by the St. Anne Institute

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those musical organizations that have brought entertainment and cultural enrichment to the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Schenectady Pipe Band upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Community Partnership Award by the St. Anne Institute to be celebrated at its Stars over Shanghai Event on Friday, April 28, 2017, at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition to receiving this prestigious award, the Schenectady Pipe Band will be recognized for 100 years of providing both recreation and education for its members, as well as entertainment and enrichment to the public, by presenting concerts in accordance with the best precepts of musical tradition and by participating in community educational and musical activities; and

WHEREAS, The Schenectady Pipe Band is a non-profit organization that

strives to promote the public appreciation and playing of pipes and drums through fellowship, performance, competition, and continuous development of skills; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its storied history, the Schenectady Pipe Band has been competing at Scottish games throughout the Eastern United States and Canada, as well as in Scotland; many members also choose to participate in solo competitions; these events not only reward individual achievements, but also offer incentive to further improve playing skills; and

WHEREAS, The Schenectady Pipe Band is comprised of people of all ages, walks of life and national descent bound by their common love for the thrilling music of the Highland bagpipe and drum; the Band performs several dozen times a year for a variety of events and practices weekly in order to maintain and improve its standard of performance; and

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

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form presented, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; individuals who provide a means of preserving a part of our rich American past and which contribute to the community

in such noble endeavors as aforementioned, are held in the highest regard by this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Schenectady Pipe Band upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Community Partnership Award by the St. Anne Institute; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Schenectady Pipe Band.