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Senate Resolution No. 2501

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING the Horseheads High School Marching Ensemble upon the occasion of winning the 2019 Large School Division 2 New York State Field Band Conference Championship on October 27, 2019

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 congratulate the Horseheads High School Marching Ensemble upon the occasion of winning the 2019 Large School Division 2 New York State Field Band Conference Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Horseheads High School Marching Ensemble traveled to the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York, on Sunday, October 27, 2019, to capture this monumental victory; and

WHEREAS, When it was time to perform "Cathedral," which consisted of

three musical pieces, "Symphony No. 3" by Camille Saint-Saens, "Gloria" by John Rutter, and "Benedictus" by Karl Jenkins, each and every member of the Horseheads High School Marching Ensemble had in mind the goal of representing themselves, their school and their community by performing with the highest standard of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Consisting of 125 members, the Blue Raiders faced stiff competition from seven other schools in their class to win the Championship with an outstanding score of 89.750, beating the second place team by over three points; and

WHEREAS, No marching band can succeed without outstanding talent throughout its entire roster; such was the case for the 2019 Horseheads High School Marching Ensemble whose members include: Connor Anderson, Emma Bartlett, Alex Coble, Kateri Condon, Maddy Decker, Addy Hester, Maggie Jones, Jazmine Knox, Emily Lewis, Ariana Miller, Emily Nguyen, Grace Perritt, Kallie Seeley, Aisha Spear, Garrett Spencer, Hope Telech, Adyson Wood, Nolan Barcomb, Isabella Beecken, Andrew Bo, Nina Calabria, Cooper Fell, Nathan German, Angie Mandell, Bryce Perez, Tommy Rahr, Trey Scott, Courtney Stone, Janessa Terry, Dan Wheeler, Brandon German, Andy He, Mitchell Hill, Ethan Kenney, Brielle May, Caitlyn O'Dell, Kent Schneider, Olivia Seeley, Kaden Ziegenfus, Nathan DeWeese, Ashley Friend, Amelia Knapp, Noah McCauley, Michael Testone, Becky Verdonck, Zac Evans, Jonas Mis, William Mosier, Tressa Cortright, Evan DeWeese, Lucas Fell, Zach Harpster, Jake Harpster, Aly Hester, Anu Kudva, Sydney Kuhnel, Abby May, Ruth Mosier, Jack Skelly, Davin Spier, Reese Thompson, Griffin Wert, Kieran Ziegenfus, Rachel Perritt, Luke Piazza, Dallin Wilcox, Aidan Schooley, Abby Youngman, Cole Koratsis, Lydia LaPierre, Sergio Moreira-Antepara, Lucas Perkins, Josh Friend, Aaron Packard,

Colby Woolever-Frost, Ty Gromer, Blake Austin, Rose Bolt, Kaleb Cole, Tati Copp, Elijah Friend, Lucia Genier, Ryan Green, Jake Hague, Ronnie

Harshbarger, Catherine Koester, Julia Koester, Paige Kuhnel, Helena Luden, Danica Lynch, Sarah McDougal, Nathan Parker, Erika Phillips, Mariah Ruth, and Rohail Spear; Color Guard: Lauren Allen, Isabella Antes, Mackenzie Barlow, Ashlee Brinthaupt, Ally Dolaway, Isabel Edmister, Cassie Felko, Lila Fell, Autumn Gruber, Cassie Hamilton, Meghan Heffner, Emily Holly, Sammie Huss, Catherine Kurniawan, Jessie Luangsuwan, Paige Lundgren, Alex Marsh, Ana McCauley, Avery Millspaugh, Zoe Millspaugh, Gretta Pesesky, Sara Peterson, Claire Sadler, Hailie Sempler, Regan Thompson, Lindsey VanAlstyne, Mikaeli West, Carter Wilcox, and Grace Wood; Drum Majors: Sergio Moreira-Antepara and Becky Verdonck; and

WHEREAS, It should be further noted that excellence in field band is possible only through vigorous practice and discipline, habits that will guide these young musicians to a lifetime of success in the musical field or other career fields; and

WHEREAS, The Horseheads High School Marching Ensemble's achievements stand as a proud testament to the leadership of Directors Collin Smith and Allison Werner; Assistant Director and Woodwind Instructor, Darby Thompson; Visual Designer, Rick Morey; Lead Visual Instructor, Larry Burroughs, Visual Instructors, Arland Edwards and Becky McCarthy; Colorguard Designer, Shannon Spalding; Colorguard Caption Head and Winterguard Director, Justine Moss; Colorguard Instructor, Matt Hageman; Woodwind Caption Courtne Elscott; Brass Caption Head, Quay Thompson; Brass Instructor, Scott Becker; Percussion Arranger and Clinician, Gifford Howarth; Percussion Arranger, Caption Head, and Winter Percussion Director, Jason Johnson; and Pit Instructors, Simon Bjarning and Brian McDougal; the hard work of its members and the dedication of its parents, teachers, administration and community-at-large, illustrating the spirit of excellence and achievement which is the school's hallmark and tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Horseheads High School Marching Ensemble, who positively represent their school, who are role models to their classmates, who exemplify the marching band's goal of continued excellence, and who have brought great pride to their community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Horseheads High School Marching Ensemble, Directors, Collin Smith and Allison Werner, and their aforementioned staff.