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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jacob Efthimiou upon the occasion of his selection as an inaugural member of Carnegie Hall's National Youth Orchestra of the United States, July 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those young people within our midst whose nationally acclaimed accomplishments bring pride to their families, their communities, and to the 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 congratulate Jacob Efthimiou upon the occasion of his selection as an inaugural member of Carnegie Hall's National Youth Orchestra of the United States (NYO-USA); he begins a two-week intensive musical residency at Purchase College, State University of New York, in July 2013; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Efthimiou is a resident of Delhi, New York; a cellist, the 17-year-old homeschooled student is a member of the Empire State Youth Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, The NYO-USA is comprised of this Nation's finest young musicians; Jacob Efthimiou was chosen to be one of the 120 inaugural orchestra members through a national awareness and recruitment effort; these talented youth were selected based on musical and technical skill, as well such personal qualities as passion, intellectual curiosity, and emotional maturity; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Efthimiou, a well-traveled young man, enjoys drama, film-making, comedy, boxing, and soccer; and

WHEREAS, He hopes to pursue a career as a solo or orchestral musician, actor, physicist or engineer; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of the musical residency, Jacob Efthimiou, along with his fellow NYO-USA members, will embark on an inaugural

tour, beginning with a July performance at the Purchase College Performing Arts Center, Purchase, New York, a concert at Kennedy Center Concert Hall, Washington, DC, and then followed by an international tour to Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, and London, England; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Efthimiou, through the radiant light of his talent, is now a musical ambassador for America throughout the world, a vibrant symbol of hope and confidence; and

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form depicted, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples is immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, The history, the heritage, and the lives of the people of all countries and all cultures are portrayed in their music and dance; the art and act of sharing them enriches us altogether; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Jacob Efthimiou, an exceptional musician, recognizing the value of his dedication to his art, and the promise of his future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Jacob Efthimiou upon the occasion of his selection as an inaugural member of Carnegie Hall's National Youth Orchestra of the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jacob Efthimiou.