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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Alexia Mate upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Robert E. McGuire Music Award by the Manhasset Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5063

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 cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, Each young musician in our schools is deserving of his or her own recognition and spotlight, for their remarkable commitment and hours of practice in perfecting their musical abilities; one such musician is Alexia Mate; and

WHEREAS, Alexia Mate, a senior at Manhasset High School, through her hard work and talents is the recipient of the 2013 Robert E. McGuire Music Award by the Manhasset Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5063; and

WHEREAS, Alexia Mate began her violin studies at the age of three at The Suzuki Program, where she has performed as concertmaster for the New York Young Musicians Ensemble under the direction of Nicole DiCecco; she has also performed All-County for voice and violin, All-State, and has served as concertmaster for the Long Island String Festival Association; and

WHEREAS, At the New York Summer Festival, Alexia Mate participated in master classes with renowned conductor and violinist Joseph Silverstein; she performed admirably as concertmaster at the festival and also in her high school's chamber music orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Taking voice lessons since the age of eight, Alexia Mate has many great achievements in singing to her credit as well; before winning the auspicious Robert E. McGuire Award, she was chosen by world renowned tenor Jon West to be his private student; they have since performed

together at concerts and churches; and

WHEREAS, Alexia Mate was a soloist at the Manhattan School of Music and sang in the lead role of the musical, LEGALLY BLONDE; she has also been hired by Charles Schneider, founder of the prestigious Glimmerglass Opera House, to perform a solo with his orchestra; and

WHEREAS, The late Robert E. McGuire was a community leader and senior vice commander of the Manhasset VFW Post 5063; he was well known for leading the singing of the National Anthem at services following Memorial Day parades; and

WHEREAS, His spirit undoubtedly lives on through this award given to this most talented young woman; and

WHEREAS, Alexia Mate is a credit to her family, school, community, and her State and Nation, and it is certain that her future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Alexia Mate upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Robert E. McGuire Music Award by the Manhasset Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5063; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alexia Mate.