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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Lawrence Carthan for his distinguished service providing, for the past 17 years, a vital community based music education program, and for hosting the Drumline competition on March 29, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize outstanding mentors who are committed and dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the music education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Lawrence Carthan for his distinguished service providing, for the past 17 years, a vital community based music education program, and for hosting the Drumline competition on March 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The first year, Lawrence Carthan's new and exciting program focused on drums; the next two years, he implemented vocal training for a kids chorus, as well as piano, guitars, horns, violin, music theory and music composition; and

WHEREAS, Today, the music program consists of drums, a marching band, dance and horns, and a mentoring program, The Elite Marching Band, of Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Carthan's music program is designed to offer the student percussionist an opportunity to explore percussion, snare drum, bass drum, trio, and tenor; and

WHEREAS, Many youth are fascinated by percussion instruments based upon the popular movie "Drumline"; the marching band mentoring music program is designed to provide the opportunity to develop leadership skills while helping the youth to find a positive method of interacting with peers and solutions to peer pressure; and

WHEREAS, The band program helps the youth to be motivated and encour-

ages them to work as a team in various performance venues, and helps build self-esteem and self-value; and

WHEREAS, Since Lawrence Carthan developed the Elite Marching Band, it has allowed him to provide exposure to youth performing in many venues throughout New York City; and

WHEREAS, The band has performed in the Puerto Rican Day parade, band competitions, churches, civic events, opened for the Battle of the Band at Giant Stadium, performed on MTV for Chris Brown, 50 Cent, the Forever Young event, and recently for Allen Houston for his "Father Knows Best" fundraising event; and

WHEREAS, A skilled drum instructor who can work well with youth of various temperaments, Lawrence Carthan teaches music in a way that makes each one of his students feel special, valued, and encouraged; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Carthan has created many drum line programs outside the Elite Marching Band, MS 231, police academy summer camp, and Roy Wilkins summer camp; in addition to 17 years in the field of music, he has worked in the business sector for 30 years, with companies such as Goldman Sachs and Lehman Brothers; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Carthan continually demonstrates an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the music education programs and opportunities he provides for the youth of New York City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Lawrence Carthan for his distinguished service providing, for the past 17 years, a vital community based music education program, and for hosting the Drumline competition on March 29, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lawrence Carthan.