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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dylan Little upon the occasion of being named to the 2013 All National Honors Ensemble by the National Association for Music Education

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those young people within our midst whose nationally acclaimed accomplishments in the musical arts 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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dylan Little upon the occasion of being named to the All National Honors Ensemble by the National Association for Music Education, which was celebrated at a gala concert in Nashville, Tennessee, on Wednesday, October 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The National Association for Music Education (NAfME) is one of the largest arts education organizations in the world, addressing all levels of musical instruction; it advocates for greater funding of music programs, provides resources for parents, teachers, and administrators, and offers a variety of opportunities for students and music educators; and

WHEREAS, The All National Honors Ensemble brings together top level music students who have competed in state-level honors ensembles from around the country; it consists of a concert band, symphony orchestra, mixed chorus, and jazz ensemble; and

WHEREAS, Dylan Little, a student at Port Jervis High School, has dedicated himself to becoming an outstanding vocalist and trumpet player, and consequently has been designated for special honor; and WHEREAS, This esteemed young musician is the first student to be chosen from his school and one of only 13 students chosen from New York State to perform in the 600-member All National Honors Ensemble; and WHEREAS, Dylan Little has been studying music since he was eight years-old, and has been performing in music festivals and competitions since the sixth grade; and

WHEREAS, On the way to receiving this prestigious designation, Dylan Little performed a Level VI All-State solo on trumpet and voice, qualifying him for the State competition in both areas; furthermore, he also earned acceptance into the Area All-State Mixed Choir and Band; and WHEREAS, Known for his strong commitment to improving himself in music and all other fields of life, Dylan Little has become an excellent role model for his classmates, respected for his professionalism and motivation; and

WHEREAS, This well-rounded young man with his demonstrated passion for excellence can look forward to a future filled with many other notable endeavors; 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; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dylan Little upon the occasion of being named to the 2013 All National Honors Ensemble by the National Association for Music Educa-

tion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dylan Little.