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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Evan Mack upon the occasion of his induction into the Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, Individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Evan Mack upon the occasion of his induction into the Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame; his outstanding accomplishments were recognized on Sunday, October 13, 2013, at the 2013 Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet, which was held at the Erie Trackside Manor in Port Jervis, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame annually recognizes individuals who have achieved personal success and have made a significant contribution to society, serving as role models to inspire current and future generations of Port Jervis students; and

WHEREAS, Evan Mack, Class of 1999, is an international pianist, performing solo artist, librettist, and composer who has toured throughout the United States, Barcelona, and South Africa; he has performed in the Kentucky Symphony, the Cincinnati Symphony Chamber Players, the Dayton Philharmonic, and the Cincinnati Symphony; and

WHEREAS, Currently on the faculty of Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York, Evan Mack's career was launched in Cincinnati, Ohio; while he was completing his master's and doctorate of musical arts degrees at the world-renowned College of Conservatory of Music, his choral suite, LANGSTON HUGHES' DREAM OF FREEDOM, premiered at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, and was later published worldwide by Hal Leonard; and

WHEREAS, During this productive time in Cincinnati, Evan Mack also

composed the opera, ANGEL OF THE AMAZON, which premiered in May 2011, produced by Encompass New Opera Theatre at the Baryshnikov Arts Center in New York City; this stunning work continued a run as the Main Stage Award Winner with the Boston Metro Opera, and the original cast recording was released worldwide by Albany Records; and

WHEREAS, Since ANGEL OF THE AMAZON, this versatile and prolific artist has received numerous premieres and commissions; the Charleston Ballet has given multiple performances of his ballet, PINOCCHIO, which has been hailed as "the Springtime Nutcracker," and his two-piano work, AMERICAN GROOVE, is being performed all over the world by the Westhuizen Duo and was a Selection Winner for the SCI Regional Conference in 2010; in addition, a new choral work, OF FIRE AND FORM, is slated for publication, and an opera, THE SECRET OF LUCA, is being performed across the United States, to great acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Evan Mack has been well-received in the opera world; his work has been lauded as rousing, and in the realm of such legendary composers as Samuel Barber, Gian Carlo Menotti, and Carlisle Floyd; and

WHEREAS, Now a resident of Albany, New York, Evan Mack's newest opera is an adaptation of the best-selling novel, ROSCOE, by Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Kristin, and their two sons, Carter and Henry, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those individuals whose commitment and creative talents have contributed to the cultural development and enrichment of the citizens of the State of New York truly merit recognition and applause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Evan Mack upon the occasion of his induction into the Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Evan Mack.