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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Leon Botstein upon the occasion of celebrating his 40th Anniversary as President of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the growth of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, Growth is the result of many individual efforts; the continued success of Bard College is due in large part to the efforts of its President, Dr. Leon Botstein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Leon Botstein upon the occasion of celebrating his 40th Anniversary as President of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of The High School of Music and Art, New York City in 1963, Leon Botstein received his Bachelor of Arts degree with special honors in history from the University of Chicago, and his Master of Arts and Ph.D. degrees in European history from Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Botstein has served as President of Bard College since 1975; he is also the Leon Levy Professor in the Arts and Humanities at Bard; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Botstein formerly served as President of Franconia College in New Hampshire, lecturer in the history department at Boston University, and special assistant to the president of the New York City Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Botstein is past chairman of the Harper's Magazine Foundation and of the New York Council for the Humanities, a member of the National Advisory Committee for the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute, and a member of the board of the Central European University and

of numerous other boards and professional associations; he has been a visiting professor at the Manhattan School of Music in New York and at the Hochschule fuer Angewandte Kunst in Vienna; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Botstein is Music Director of the American Symphony Orchestra, as well as co-Artistic Director of the Bard Music Festival and Artistic Director of the American Russian Young Artists Orchestra; in addition to conducting the American Symphony Orchestra's subscription concert series at Lincoln Center, he has an active international career, making frequent guest appearances with major orchestras around the world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Botstein has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, some of which include: Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters, Western Connecticut State University; Centennial Medal of the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences; National Arts Club Gold Medal; Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters, Salisbury State University, Maryland; The University of Chicago Alumni Association Professional Achievement Award; Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters, Cedar Crest College, Pennsylvania; Rockefeller Fellow, The Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies; Annual Award, National Conference of Christians and Jews, New Hampshire; Sloan Foundation Urban Fellowship; Danforth Foundation Fellowship; Woodrow Wilson Fellowship; and Howell Murray Alumni Award, The University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Botstein has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered at his college for the benefit of its faculty and students as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Leon Botstein has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Leon Botstein upon the occasion of celebrating his 40th Anniversary as President of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Leon Botstein.