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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David Rezak upon the occasion of his induction into the Syracuse Area Music Awards Hall of Fame as Music Educator of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those talented individuals within our midst, who have had a significant impact on the arts and culture of our communities, by providing outstanding instruction in the field of music; one such individual is David Rezak; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor David Rezak upon the occasion of his induction into the Syracuse Area Music Awards (SAMMY's) Hall of Fame as Music Educator of the Year; the induction ceremony will be held on March 5, 2015, at the Dinosaur Bar-B-Que in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Syracuse Area Music Awards were first established in 1993 to annually recognize and honor Syracuse's most prominent musicians and music educators, aiming to bring these individuals to the forefront of public attention; and

WHEREAS, David Rezak, a longtime resident of Syracuse and a professor of music, began managing musical groups in 1969; in 1973, he founded the DMR Booking Agency, a respected regional talent agency and events production firm; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, David Rezak joined the music industry faculty at the Syracuse University Setnor School of Music where he and a group of his students founded the Syracuse University Recordings and the Marshall Street Records labels; he also initiated the Soyars Leadership Lecture Series to provide students with the opportunity to interact with top-level music executives; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, David Rezak sold his booking agency and joined the faculty at Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts as the Director of Program Design; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership at Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts, David Rezak was instrumental in launching the multi-disciplinary Bandier Program for Music and the Entertainment Industries, which involves a rigorous 125-credit course progression with SU's Newhouse School of Public Communications, the Whitman School of Management, and the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, The Bandier Program for Music and the Entertainment Industries also provides students with weekly contact with industry professionals, hands-on learning opportunities, a semester in Los Angeles, and a study abroad semester in London, England; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role as Bandier Program Director, David Rezak continues to serve as a member of the Music and Entertainment Industry Educators Association, a faculty advisor to WERW Radio, and a mentor to University Union's Concert Board; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, David Rezak received his first induction into the SAMMY's Hall of Fame for his overall accomplishments in the music industry; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor David Rezak upon the occasion of his induction into the Syracuse

Area Music Awards Hall of Fame as Music Educator of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Rezak.