

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 6TH, 2020, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 6th day of February, 2020 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS Lynne Ruda is a native of Lancaster New York, the daughter of Gary & Lorraine Bona and is married to Aaron Ruda; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Ruda graduated from Lancaster Central High School in 2004 and went on to University of Central Florida before transferring to SUNY Fredonia State where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in music education, as well as a performance certificate; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Ruda was hired only two weeks after graduation and has been the music teacher at Lancaster Central High School for 12 years where she serves as the school's First Responders Club, senior class advisor, and conductor of the school symphony and string orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Ruda is a Village of Lancaster Trustee where she chairs the board's economic development committee and along with her husband are also volunteer fire fighters in the Village; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Ruda volunteers with Buffalo String Works at Dream Center in Buffalo's immigrant community with a small band of her students to help children better appreciate the universal language of music; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Ruda was nominated by a former student for the 2020 Grammy Music Educator Award because she has made a lasting contribution to music and she demonstrates a commitment to maintaining music in the schools; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Ruda was one of only ten finalists in the country out of 3,300 teachers nominated, and will receive \$1,000 and a \$1,000 matching grant for her to develop something "cool" for the orchestra to use the funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize Lynne Ruda as an exceptional teacher and one of 10 finalists to be nominated for the 2020 Grammy Music Educator Award.*

Hon. Frank J. Todaro
Erie County Legislator – 8th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature