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CONGRATULATING Lime Kiln Elementary School upon  
the occasion of winning the First in Math  
Competition and attaining first place in the Nation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay  
tribute to those who, by achieving outstanding success in their  
educational and mathematical endeavors, have inspired and brought pride  
to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize  
the dedication and commitment of our young people who distinguish  
themselves through excellence in mathematical competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its  
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to  
congratulate Lime Kiln Elementary School upon the occasion of winning  
the First in Math Competition and attaining first place in the Nation to  
be celebrated on Friday, May 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Expanded Mathematics Access Program (EMAP) is an  
initiative by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), improving  
education through the First in Math (FIM) online program which is  
available to all K-5 students statewide; with no financial burden for  
schools or families for an initial five-year period, this opportunity  
for distinction in mathematics is a landmark advance toward educational

equity; and

WHEREAS, First in Math is a proven practice tool that utilizes students' love of digital gaming to build math skills and create higher levels of engagement; FIM's Deep Practice approach strengthens fact fluency, automaticity, computational thinking, and other vital skills for mathematics and STEM success, including self-monitoring, goal setting, adaptability, and persistence; and

WHEREAS, The program provides more than 250 K-8 math games in which students have an interest; stickers, representing points, are awarded for successfully solving mathematical problems and completing modules; a nationwide leaderboard is constructed with rankings which are based on the number of points that individual students, classes, and entire schools have earned; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, critical thinking and problem-solving skills are bolstered, preparing the program's participants for success in numerous career paths; through First in Math, students have the benefit of individualized, self-paced, and adaptive learning; and

WHEREAS, The integral involvement of parents and teachers renders any educational program successful; First in Math enables this participation, combined with support and resources; NYSED's dedication to improving mathematical proficiency sets a precedent for other states, demonstrating a commitment to prepare students for the perpetually changing educational innovations; and

WHEREAS, More than 5,000 schools across New York State compete on the First in Math platform; rankings are based on the average number of mathematical problems solved by the top 100 students in each school; the First in Math participants of Lime Kiln Elementary School have

accomplished an impressive feat; and

WHEREAS, The First in Math Competition, an eight-month marathon, requires immense determination, dedication, and mental fortitude; Lime Kiln Elementary School has participated for three years, showing significant growth in focus and dedication; the five-year grant, which NYSED has issued, absorbs the cost of licenses for more than one million students across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating the highest national achievement not only brings well-deserved recognition to the diligent students of Lime Kiln Elementary School but also serves as motivation and inspiration to other pupils across the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to celebrate the educational and mathematical accomplishments of remarkable schools, such as Lime Kiln Elementary School, and the participants in the First in Math Competition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Lime Kiln Elementary School upon the occasion of winning the First in Math Competition and attaining first place in the Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lime Kiln Elementary School.