

## 2009-J2743

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Rachel Weber, Rachel Refkin, and Koeun Choi of Clarkstown South Senior High School upon the occasion of receiving a Top Ranking in the New York State 2009 National History Day competition

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State by achieving outstanding success in educational competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Rachel Weber, Rachel Refkin, and Koeun Choi of Clarkstown South Senior High School upon the occasion of receiving a Top Ranking in the New York State 2009 National History Day competition; and

WHEREAS, On May 1, 2009, Rachel Weber, Rachel Refkin, and Koeun Choi, along with over 400 other students from across New York State traveled to Cooperstown to take part in New York State History Day; and

WHEREAS, National History Day, a federally recognized educational program sponsored in New York by the New York State Historical Association, encourages students grades six-12 to explore local, state, national and world history; after selecting a historical topic that relates to an annual theme, students conduct extensive research by using libraries, archives and museums, and oral history interviews; they also analyze and interpret their findings, draw conclusions about their topics' significance in history, and create final projects that present their work; and

WHEREAS, These particular projects which include historical papers, documentaries, performances, tabletop exhibits, and websites can be entered in a series of competitions, from the local to the national

level, where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators; in order to participate in the state contest, students achieved top scores at earlier school and regional contests; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Weber, Rachel Refkin, and Koeun Choi won third place for their Senior Group Performance, Emmett Louis Till: The Death of Silence; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Rachel Weber, Rachel Refkin, and Koeun Choi now stand honorably, with just pride in their accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by their teachers, coaches and parents; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Rachel Weber, Rachel Refkin, and Koeun Choi of Clarkstown South Senior High School upon the occasion of receiving a Top Ranking in the New York State 2009 National History Day competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rachel Weber, Rachel Refkin, and Koeun Choi.