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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jenny Wu of Sanford H. Calhoun High School upon the occasion of being named a semifinalist in the 2011 Intel Science Talent Search

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 scientific endeavors, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Jenny Wu of Sanford H. Calhoun High School upon the occasion of being named a semifinalist in the 2011 Intel Science Talent Search; and

WHEREAS, Once known as the Westinghouse Competition, the Intel Science Talent Search is the oldest of its type in the nation, and is the country's most prestigious science scholarship competition; and

WHEREAS, For more than 60 years, the Science Talent Search has recognized and rewarded the country's top young science students; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, this competition has gained broad acclaim in the academic and scientific communities; educators, scientists, engineers and journalists throughout the United States have enthusiastically supported this annual event; and

WHEREAS, Six former Science Talent Search competitors have gone on to win the prestigious Nobel Prize; and

WHEREAS, The Science Talent Search was created to encourage high school seniors who demonstrate exceptional ability in science, math and engineering through individual research projects; and

WHEREAS, Colleges and universities regard the Intel Science Talent Search semifinalist award to be evidence of exceptional scientific promise; and

WHEREAS, The 2011 Intel Science Talent Search, sponsored by the Society for Science and the Public, and the Intel Foundation, attracted 1,774 entries from across the United States; 300 were awarded semifinalist accolades; and

WHEREAS, Jenny Wu, a senior at Sanford H. Calhoun High School in Merrick, New York, was recently named a semifinalist in the annual Intel Science Talent Search which awards scholarships to recognize the outstanding science research of high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, Jenny Wu's 2011 Intel Science Talent Search project was entitled, "Synthesis, Biological Evaluation, and Potential Synergism of Taxoid SB-T-1214 and Topotecan in Tumor-Targeting Drug Conjugates Bearing Dual-Warheads"; her paper focused on her work on cancer tumor-targeting drugs during the summer of 2010 in the Simons Research Fellowship Program at SUNY Stony Brook; and

WHEREAS, A part of Calhoun High School's Advanced Science Research Program for the past three and one-half years, Jenny Wu was named a semifinalist in the prestigious Siemens Westinghouse Science and Technology Competition in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Jenny Wu is the salutatorian of the Sanford H. Calhoun High School Class of 2011 and has been accepted to Yale University; and

WHEREAS, In addition, at Sanford H. Calhoun High School, Jenny Wu plays tennis and runs track, and is a member of the Latin, science and math clubs, as well as the student council; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to celebrate and applaud the individual accomplishments of remarkable students in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Jenny Wu of Sanford H. Calhoun High School upon the occasion of being named a semifinalist in the 2011 Intel Science Talent Search, and for her note-

worthy educational and scientific endeavors and achievements; her outstanding performance has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Jenny Wu of Sanford H. Calhoun High School upon the occasion of being named a semifinalist in the 2011 Intel Science Talent Search; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jenny Wu, Sanford H. Calhoun High School, Merrick, New York.