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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending New York City FIRST upon the occasion of hosting its 2011 New York City FIRST Mega Celebration

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations that would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend New York City FIRST upon the occasion of hosting its 2011 New York City FIRST Mega Celebration on March 12-13, 2011, at the Jacob Javits Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, This event consists of 200 student robotics teams participating in four competitions demonstrating their technical and entrepreneurial skills; and

WHEREAS, The mission of FIRST is to inspire students to pursue further studies and careers in science and technology and to help them acquire the knowledge and skills needed to compete in the technologically-driven global economy; and

WHEREAS, Participation in FIRST has a positive impact on the lives of students, increasing college attendance, majors in science and engineering, participation in internships and co-ops, and involvement in community service; and

WHEREAS, More than 130 colleges, universities, and professional associations partner with FIRST to provide a significant amount in scholarships to students who were members of a FIRST team while in high school; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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

commend New York City FIRST upon the occasion of hosting its 2011 New York City FIRST Mega Celebration; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New York City FIRST.