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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Odyssey of the Mind Teams from the Bethlehem and Voorheesville Middle Schools upon the occasion of qualifying to represent the State of New York at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Tournament

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 commend the Odyssey of the Mind Teams from the Bethlehem and Voorheesville Middle Schools upon the occasion of qualifying to represent the State of New York at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Tournament at the University of Maryland to be held May 27-30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Odyssey of the Mind Competition teaches students to learn creative problem-solving methods, encouraging individual expression, imaginative thinking and team building skills in order to achieve solutions; and

WHEREAS, Bethlehem's team won first place for Problem 5, Division 2, while the Voorheesville team won second place for Problem 3, Division 2; this qualified both teams to advance to the world finals where they will compete against teams from across the United States as well as from 25 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, The Bethlehem Middle School team members include Selin Gumustop, Sydney Klugman, Ben Licht, Tim Mueller, Nora Sheehan, and Luke Thompson, and was coached by Betsy Gumustop; and

WHEREAS, The Voorheesville Middle School team members include Sadye Goldfarb, Ben Mackay, Lydia Parker, Erik Patak, and Alex Relyea, and was coached by Jean Mackay; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, these scholars 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, fami-

ly and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Odyssey of the Mind Teams from the Bethlehem and Voorheesville Middle Schools upon the occasion of qualifying to represent the State of New York at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Tournament, and offer them its best wishes for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Odyssey of the Mind Teams from the Bethlehem and Voorheesville Middle Schools.