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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the West Genesee High School Academic Decathlon Team upon the occasion of capturing first place at the 2011 New York State Academic Decathlon Championship

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor the youth of today -- the leaders of tomorrow -- whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the West Genesee High School Academic Decathlon Team upon the occasion of capturing first place at the 2011 State Academic Decathlon; and

WHEREAS, Members of the West Genesee Academic Decathlon Team, in preparation for state competition, devoted one year to memorizing numerous facts, while learning the importance of hard work and determination; and WHEREAS, Members of the West Genesee Academic Decathlon Team were prepared to answer questions about art, music, English, math, economics, science and many other categories; and

WHEREAS, At the 2011 New York State Academic Decathlon Championships, the West Genesee High School Team made their district proud, by winning 40 individual medals and a team award; and

WHEREAS, The West Genesee Academic Decathlon Team advanced to Nationals in Charlotte, North Carolina, and placed 23rd in the country; and

WHEREAS, No team can succeed without outstanding talent throughout its entire roster; such is the case for the members of the 2011 West Genesee High School Academic Decathlon Team: Dennis Campbell, Abigail Hard, Alec Kearns, Caitlin Nolan, Kaitlyn Richards, Jerry Roy, Matthew Serrao, Jennifer Smacher, Kevan Spencer and Thomas Brogan; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those students of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; and

WHEREAS, The success of the West Genesee High School Academic Decathlon Team is due in great part to the dedicated efforts of Coach Scott Duda; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the 2011 West Genesee High School Academic Decathlon Team upon the occasion of capturing first place at the New York State Academic Decathlon Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to members of the West Genesee Team: Dennis Campbell, Abigail Hard, Alec Kearns, Caitlin Nolan, Kaitlyn Richards, Jerry Roy, Matthew Serrao, Jennifer Smacher, Kevan Spencer, Thomas Brogan, and Coach Scott Duda.