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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Auburn High School Robotics Club upon the occasion of capturing both the Excellence and Tournament awards at the Syracuse Regional VEX Robotics Competition

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 educational and technical competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Auburn High School Robotics Club upon the occasion of capturing both the Excellence and Tournament awards at the Syracuse Regional VEX Robotics Competition; and

WHEREAS, The VEX Robotics Competition program is specifically tailored to bring the magic of robotics competition into the classroom; robotics is an engaging way to integrate all facets of STEM education into the classroom and head-to-head competition is a natural way to capture students' attention; and

WHEREAS, The Syracuse Regional VEX Robotics Competition was held on February 11, 2012, at the Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Technology, 500 South Franklin Street in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Paul Giovannetti, Susan Aikman and Christopher Watros are the members of the Auburn High School Robotics Club; they are all veterans of a five-course sequence in engineering offered at the school; the Club is co-advised by technology teachers, William Gilmore and Kevin Casler; and

WHEREAS, The Auburn High School Robotics Club built a robot named Amber and entered it in the Syracuse Regional VEX Robotics Competition; and

WHEREAS, Although this competition was the first time entry by the Auburn, New York, High School Club, it took first place among 29 teams

entered; the Club captured the Excellence Award in VEX Robotics for best overall designed robot, as well as the Tournament Champion Award for overall performance; and

WHEREAS, Winning the Excellence and Tournament awards at the Syracuse Regional VEX Robotics Competition rocketed the Auburn High School Robotics Club to the world competition level; this prestigious event will be held in Anaheim, California, and is the largest robotics competition in the world attracting 600 teams from around the world; it is the Olympics of robotics; and

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor and commend the Auburn High School Robotics Club upon the occasion of capturing both the Excellence and Tournament awards at the Syracuse Regional VEX Robotics Competition; the Club's outstanding performance has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of its school and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Auburn High School Robotics Club upon the occasion of capturing both the Excellence and Tournament awards at the Syracuse Regional VEX Robotics Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members and advisors of the Auburn High School Robotics Club.