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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Chatham High School Model Congress Team for their participation at the 72nd Annual Model Congress event

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in educational competition, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Chatham High School Model Congress Team for their participation at the 72nd Annual Model Congress event; and

WHEREAS, Chatham High School students imitated the actions of senators and representatives at the 72nd Model Congress, a three-day academic competition simulating the activities of the United States Legislative Branch; the January 2012 tournament attracted schools from throughout New York and New England, and was hosted by the American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Chatham's delegation finished strong, passing legislation and attaining special recognition for teamwork and good sportsmanship; the team came to the contest armed with two bills they had spent weeks preparing, one of which was regulating the use of hydrofracking in the natural gas industry, and the other was reforming U.S. practices for recycling nuclear waste; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the meet, the delegation carefully drafted and redrafted their bill proposals, researched the issues and studied parliamentary procedure; during the competition, students proposed, argued, and defended the merits of their bills while American International College faculty judged the participants on their debating and oratorical skills; and

WHEREAS, Only well-crafted and thoughtfully argued bill proposals stood up to the scrutiny and any school that passed a bill into "law" was considered a winner; Chatham's preparation paid off as the delegation successfully navigated the competition's committee rooms and general assembly to gather the votes they needed to pass their hydro-fracking bill; and

WHEREAS, Chatham High School Model Congress Team earned the Team Spirit Award, given to the delegation that displayed the most cooperation, positive energy and sportsman-like conduct; and

WHEREAS, This year marked Chatham High School Model Congress Team's fifth year competing at the American International College's Model Congress event; the students meet after school and are co-advised by Chatham High School social studies teachers Sesame Campbell and Mark Pearson; and

WHEREAS, The Chatham High School Model Congress Team members are: Ellis Okawa-Scannell, Chelsea Palladino, Geena Eglin, Cathy Fowler, Phil Curran, Jameson Connor, Cassidy Palladino, Karlee Shields, Annabelle Hinkel, Hannah Gregg, Maura McKeon, Kaitlin Hunter, Caitlin Gilligan, JJ Ciampoli, Georgie Richer, Elizabeth Paolucci, Kelly Shanahan, Emma Roberts, Faith Avens, and Alli Mesick; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend these young scholars in recognition of their uncommon dedication, perseverance and accomplishments and wish them a future of purposeful success and well-being; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Chatham High School Model Congress Team for their participation at the 72nd Annual Model Congress event; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Chatham High School Model Congress Team.