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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Longwood High School Moot Court Team upon the occasion of winning the Annual Moot Court One-on-One Suffolk County Tournament

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Longwood High School Moot Court Team upon the occasion of winning the Annual Moot Court One-on-One Suffolk County Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Moot Court is an impromptu-type of tournament where performance is based on legal knowledge and court performance on the spot; and

WHEREAS, During the seven-hour tournament, teams of three went up against teams from all over Long Island, competing round after round, case after case, before a panel of prominent court judges from New York State presiding; and

WHEREAS, Moot Court teams were given a legal case in an area of civil law dealing with negligence, personal injury law cases or contractual law cases; they had exactly 10 minutes to read the case, discuss it, conduct research and write up all the parts from Opening Statements to Closing Arguments; and

WHEREAS, The attorney and witness then performed for a 30-minute legal proceeding against the other team in front of the panel of judges; and

WHEREAS, The Longwood High School team remained undefeated for seven rounds, including the finals to win the overall 2012 Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Longwood High School Moot Court Team consisted of three students: Legal Researcher, Sara Smith, a senior; a witness, portrayed

by senior Ashleigh Somers; and the team's attorney, junior Joseph DeQuarto; and

WHEREAS, The team was supported by Diane Eisen, a College Law teacher, and Kenny Chan, a Personal Business Law teacher; and

WHEREAS, Educational competitions which serve to better prepare our students for their future participation area of criminal justice are worthy of praise and support; 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, coaches and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Longwood High School Moot Court Team upon the occasion of winning the Annual Moot Court One-on-One Suffolk County Tournament; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Longwood High School Moot Court Team, and Coaches, Kenny Chan and Diane Eisen.