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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Shweta and Shilpa Iyer, twin sisters from Port Jefferson Station, upon the occasion of winning regional finalist honors in the National Siemens Science Contest

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 Shweta and Shilpa Iyer upon the occasion of winning regional finalist honors in the National Siemens Science Contest; and

WHEREAS, Shweta and Shilpa Iyer, 16-year-old twin sisters who are seniors at Comsewogue High School in Port Jefferson Station, New York, were at Brookhaven National Laboratory, researching the conversion of water into hydrogen, when the contest results appeared on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, these outstanding students each won \$1,000, along with a chance to compete for a top team prize of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, Administered by The College Board and funded by the Siemens Foundation, the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology is one of the country's two top competitions for high school researchers; it recognizes remarkable talent early on, fostering individual growth for high school students who are willing to challenge themselves through science research; and

WHEREAS, Through this competition, students have an opportunity to achieve national recognition for science research projects that they complete in high school; the Siemens Contest announced a nationwide total this year of 93 regional finalists and 322 semifinalists, chosen

from 2,255 registered competitors; and

WHEREAS, Educational competitions which serve to better prepare our students for their future 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 and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Shweta and Shilpa Iyer upon the occasion of winning regional finalist honors in the National Siemens Science Contest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shweta and Shilpa Iyer.