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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the New Lebanon Junior High School Future City Team upon the occasion of capturing First Place at the Capital District Future City Competition on January 10, 2015

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the New Lebanon Junior High School Future City Team upon the occasion of capturing First Place at the Capital District Future City Competition on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Capital District Future City Competition is part of a nationwide educational program established to encourage middle school students to use their creative and innovative imaginations to design a city of the future; and

WHEREAS, Working with teacher coaches and engineer-volunteer mentors from the community, students in the Capital District Future City Competition apply math, science, engineering and technology, as well as writing and presentation skills, to win prizes and earn a chance to compete in the national competition; and

WHEREAS, The New Lebanon Junior High School Future City Team was victorious over 24 teams with its presentation on urban farming techniques and sustainable approaches to transportation and communication in the future; and

WHEREAS, Entitled "The City of Recolteville," translated from French as "city of harvest," these talented students presented a vision for a

metropolis of 100,000 people located on the New York State shoreline of Lake Champlain, in the year 2115; and

WHEREAS, The City of Recolteville uses self-sustaining farming techniques to create food, such as kale and fish, for its residents, and runs on environmentally friendly fuel cells and solar power; residents enjoy scenic views of the city on a Maglev train and utilize a communication system with hologram technology to bring concerts and sporting events to its entertainment arena; and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of their Teacher, Mary-Beth Liles, Engineering Mentor, Caroline Eigenbrodt, and Student Advisors, Kenny Sheline and Christine Bienes, the New Lebanon Junior High School Future City Team has been working since September, researching such subjects as science and environmental engineering, and using software and math skills to create scaled 3D models; and

WHEREAS, Following their impressive victory at the Capital District Future City Competition, the New Lebanon Junior High School Future City Team attended the National Conference in Washington, D.C., on February 14-18, 2015, where they placed 19th among 31 of the best teams from across the country; 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, mentors and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the New Lebanon Junior High School Future City Team; its members: Lydia Loverin, Taylor Robertson, Jiana Darcy, Tiffany Eggleston, Brianna Lee, Catherine Roden, Brianna Shuhart, Emily Schafer,

Sydney Smith and Daniel Truax; Teacher, Mary-Beth Liles; Engineering Mentor, Caroline Eigenbrodt; and Student Advisors, Kenny Sheline and Christine Bienes upon the occasion of capturing first place at the Capi-

tal District Future City Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the New Lebanon Junior High School Future City Team, Teacher Mary-Beth Liles, Engineering Mentor Caroline Eigenbrodt, and Student Advisors Kenny Sheline and Christine Bienes.