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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending three Maple Avenue Middle School student filmmakers upon the occasion of being named winners in C-SPAN's StudentCam 2015 competition

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize 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 three Maple Avenue Middle School student filmmakers upon the occasion of being named winners in C-SPAN's StudentCam 2015 competition; these exemplary students will be honored by representatives from C-SPAN and Time Warner Cable on Monday, June 15, 2015, at their school; and

WHEREAS, StudentCam, C-SPAN's annual, national video documentary competition encourages students to critically analyze an issue of interest and create a short five to seven minute document about that topic; and

WHEREAS, Each year since 2006, C-SPAN has invited middle school and high school students to produce short documentaries on an issue of national importance; in 2015, students used video cameras to answer the question, "The Three Branches and You: tell a story which demonstrates how a policy, law, or action by either the executive, legislative, or judicial branch as affected you or your community."; and

WHEREAS, Students worked in teams or as individuals to address a wide range of public policy issues, from education to healthcare to minimum wage, and immigration; and

WHEREAS, Grace Sablich, Brooke Baumeister, and Alexa Hulse, three outstanding eighth grade students from Maple Avenue Middle School, Saratoga Springs, New York, submitted a stellar video entitled "Equal Pay for Equal Work"; their incredible work earned them a top StudentCam award from out of 2,280 entries submitted from 45 states, and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Educational competitions which serve to better prepare our

students for future participation in the marketplace of ideas 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, advisors, and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend three Maple Avenue Middle School student filmmakers upon the occasion of being named winners in C-SPAN's StudentCam 2015 competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Grace Sablich, Brooke Baumeister, and Alexa Hulse.