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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Monroe-Woodbury High School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing First Place at Odyssey World Finals

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those who, by achieving outstanding success in their educational endeavors and competitions, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the dedication and commitment of our young people who distinguish themselves through excellence in scholastic competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Monroe-Woodbury High School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing First Place at Odyssey World Finals held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, in East Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college; team members apply their creativity to solve problems which range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics; and

WHEREAS, Odyssey World teams share ideas and connect with individuals from across the globe through exchanging cultural gifts, enjoying meals together, and cheering each other on in competition; and

WHEREAS, The Monroe-Woodbury High School Odyssey of the Mind Team competed against 34 teams from around the world to win its third consecutive Championship at the Odyssey World Finals, receiving the highest score for their creative problem solving of the Vehicle Problem: "Runaway Train"; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous guidance of Coaches Joann and Jessica Mazzola, this remarkable team of high school students has achieved excellence in group problem solving; they have also contributed to the district wide program, and generously shared their vast knowledge with the younger teams; 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 family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Monroe-Woodbury High School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing First Place at the Odyssey World Finals, and offer them its best wishes for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Monroe-Woodbury High School Odyssey of the Mind Team, and Coaches Joann and Jessica Mazzola.