

## 2015-J2878

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Melissa Thomas and Naseem Dabiran upon the occasion of their selection as State Finalists for the 2015 New York State Science Congress

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor the achievements of its young citizens and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and accomplishments exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Melissa Thomas and Naseem Dabiran upon the occasion of their selection as State Finalists for the 2015 New York State Science Congress; and

WHEREAS, The STANYS New York State Science Congress was established in 1950, as a means to stimulate interest and proficiency in the sciences; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Thomas and Naseem Dabiran participated in the Long Island Science Congress, a regional science fair, on Wednesday, April 20, 2015, at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Thomas and Naseem Dabiran's outstanding science project, Aromatase Immunohistochemistry in Alzheimer's Disease, was chosen as a finalist to be presented at the New York State Science Congress held on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Working as a team, Melissa Thomas and Naseem Dabiran conducted their research for their stellar project under the guidance of Dr. Anat Biegon at the State University of New York at Stony Brook; and

WHEREAS, A resident of New Hyde Park, New York, Melissa Thomas is the daughter of Jiji and Princy Thomas; Naseem Dabiran is the daughter of Ali and Alavieh Dabiran of Albertson, New York; and

WHEREAS, Both Melissa Thomas and Naseem Dabiran are three-year participants in the Herricks High School Science Research program, mentored by Herricks High School Science Research Teacher Renee Barcia; and

WHEREAS, Outstanding role models for their classmates, Melissa Thomas and Naseem Dabiran may stand with pride in their achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of their labors and the joy of their accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new experiences as they continue their education; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Thomas and Naseem Dabiran represent the potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; this Legislative Body is pleased to honor these young women, recognizing their achievements and the promise of their future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Melissa Thomas and Naseem Dabiran upon the occasion of their selection as State Finalists for the 2015 New York State Science Congress; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Melissa Thomas and Naseem Dabiran.