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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sahil Abbi and Arjun Kapoor upon the occasion of capturing the Second Place Grand Award at the 2015 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements 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 Sahil Abbi and Arjun Kapoor upon the occasion of capturing the Second Place Grand Award at the 2015 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair recently held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair is a program of the Society for Science and the Public, an organization dedicated to public engagement in scientific research and education, and brings together some of the best and brightest young scientific minds in the United States; and

WHEREAS, More than 1,700 finalists from 78 countries, regions, and territories participated in the 2015 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF); Herricks High School Junior, Sahil Abbi, and his partner, Arjun Kapoor, from The Wheatley School, were the recipients of the Second Place Grand Award; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Sahil Abbi and Arjun Kapoor were the recipients of three Special Awards, including the Oracle Academy Award, the Nu Alpha Theta Award for Mathematics, and the Association for Computing Machinery Award; and

WHEREAS, These remarkable young men presented their independent research project, to doctorate level scientists, Nobel Laureates, engi-

neers, and industry professionals who served as Intel judges; the students compete for five million dollars in prizes and scholarships at the world's largest pre-college science fair; and

WHEREAS, The research for their award winning project entitled, The Construction of Low Entropy Quasi-Optimal Parallel Computing Network Topologies, was conducted at the State University of New York at Stony Brook under the mentorship of Dr. Yeufan Deng; and

WHEREAS, The son of Reena and Mukesh Abbi of Albertson, New York, Sahil Abbi has won a six-day trip to Switzerland to visit The European Organization for Nuclear Research, known as CERN, which operates the world's largest particle physics laboratory, including particle accelerators and detectors; and

WHEREAS, In achieving this high academic honor, Sahil Abbi and Arjun Kapoor may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence they bring to Herricks High School, and The Wheatley School; and

WHEREAS, Sahil Abbi and Arjun Kapoor stand poised on the threshold of a broad and challenging world, a testament to the love and nurturing care of their family, teachers and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sahil Abbi and Arjun Kapoor upon the occasion of capturing the Second Place Grand Award at the 2015 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, and to wish them continued success in all their future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sahil Abbi and Arjun Kapoor.