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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Orange-Ulster BOCES CTE Team upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the Northeast Region of the 2016 CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend young people who, by achieving outstanding success in an educational competition, inspire and bring pride to themselves and to their school, their community, and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Orange-Ulster BOCES CTE Team upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the Northeast Region of the 2016 CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition; and

WHEREAS, The National Youth Cyber Defense Competition is one of three main programs within CyberPatriot, an educational program conceived by the Air Force Association to inspire high school students toward careers in cyber security or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to the future of the United States; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed competition places teams of high school and middle school students in the roles of newly hired IT professionals charged with managing the network of a small company; each team is given a set of virtual images which represent operating systems, and are challenged with finding cyber security vulnerabilities within the images and hardening the system while maintaining critical services; and

WHEREAS, In November of 2015, the Orange-Ulster BOCES CTE Team placed in the top third of 1254 teams from across the United States, Canada, Japan and Germany in the first round of the CyberPatriot competition; and

WHEREAS, After moving on to the second round in early December, these exceptional students achieved very high scores, and entered the Gold Tier of State Competition where the team ultimately placed first in the entire Northeast region and seventh overall in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, The Orange-Ulster BOCES CTE Team, ably guided by Instructor Robert McMann, includes Magnus Roberto, Camerin Figueroa, Mark Hyatt and Edward Green from Pine Bush High School; Brendan Rasenberger from Warwick Valley High School; and Elmer Palmer from Chester Academy; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, these scholars now stand honorably, with just pride in their achievement and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by their teachers, coach and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Orange-Ulster BOCES CTE Team upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the Northeast Region of the 2016 CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, and to offer them best wishes for a future of continued success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Orange-Ulster BOCES CTE Team, and Instructor Robert McMann.