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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jairam Hathwar upon the occasion of being crowned Co-Champion of the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee Championship on May 26, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend 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 congratulate Jairam Hathwar upon the occasion of being crowned Co-Champion of the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee Championship on Thursday, May 26, 2016, in National Harbor, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Jairam Hathwar, a 13-year-old from Painted Post, New York, is a seventh grade student at the Alternative School for Math and Science in Corning, New York; sponsored by the Corning Rotary Club, he is the son of Jagadeesh and Roopa Hathwar; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee was broadcast nationwide on ESPN, and welcomed 285 spellers from around the world; the spellers ranged in age from 8-14 years old, and were all vying for the esteemed title of champion; and

WHEREAS, Jairam Hathwar was among 10 finalists in the Scripps National Spelling Bee's Championship rounds; by 9:30 p.m., he was one of four, which guaranteed him a monetary prize; all four competitors continued through another three rounds without faltering; and

WHEREAS, After 17 rounds, it was finally down to two spellers, Jairam Hathwar and Nihar Janga who have become close friends; Jairam spelled "achalasia," then "ripieno" and "lerot" as the marathon two speller face-off heated up; finally in round 23, each student spelled their two

words correctly, and they were consequently, declared Co-Champions; and WHEREAS, When he is not spelling words, Jairam Hathwar enjoys playing golf and was inspired by his favorite golf player, Jordan Spieth, to work hard and practice diligently for the famous Spelling Bee; the 2015 Masters and U.S. Open Winner invited an elated Jairam to come watch him play at Bethpage Black in the Barclays Tournament from August 25-28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jairam Hathwar, in achieving this high honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence he brings to his family, friends, school and region; and

WHEREAS, Educational competitions which serve to better prepare our students for their future participation in the marketplace of ideas are worthy of praise and support; and

WHEREAS, Poised with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar now stands honorably, in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by his teachers and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Jairam Hathwar upon the occasion of being crowned Co-Champion of the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee Championship on May 26, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jairam Hathwar.