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Assembly Resolution No. 794

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CONGRATULATING Roberto Lopez upon the occasion of  
being named a Finalist and his twin brother Ricardo  
Lopez as a Semifinalist in the Regeneron Science  
Talent Search

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 Roberto Lopez upon the occasion of being named a Finalist  
and his twin brother Ricardo Lopez as a Semifinalist in the Regeneron  
Science Talent Search; and

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

WHEREAS, The nation's most prestigious science competition, the  
Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS) was founded in 1942; it is the  
country's oldest student research competition and is based in  
Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, Two truly incredible and brilliant young men, Roberto and Ricardo Lopez are both seniors at Brentwood High School and will be the first in their family to attend college; furthermore, it is the first time since 1970, twins were named Semifinalists in the Regeneron Science Talent Search; and

WHEREAS, Named Valedictorian of his class, Roberto Lopez plans to follow a pre-med track as he continues his education at one of the many renowned colleges where he was accepted, including Yale, Harvard and Columbia; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Brentwood Boys Swim Team, Roberto Lopez's passions include swimming, research and spending as much time with his three younger brothers as possible; and

WHEREAS, An avid volunteer in his hometown community, Roberto Lopez often gives up any free time he has to help with events such as assembling hundreds of Easter baskets for underprivileged children in the area or playing Santa Claus for local elementary schools during the holiday seasons; and

WHEREAS, Roberto Lopez was named a Semifinalist before advancing to a Finalist in the Regeneron Science Talent Search, winning \$25,000 and a chance to compete in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for research, Ricardo Lopez plans to major in Biology while also following the pre-med track at one of the many prestigious colleges where he was accepted, including Yale, Columbia and Johns Hopkins; and

WHEREAS, Captain of the Brentwood Boys Swim Team, Ricardo Lopez

serves as president of the math honor society and as a member of the student council; and

WHEREAS, Steadfastly dedicated to the betterment of his community, he is currently involved with the Town of Islip Youth Advisory Board for underprivileged local youth; and

WHEREAS, Ricardo Lopez was one of just 300 Regeneron Scholars chosen from all STS entrants to be named a Semifinalist and receive \$2,000; and

WHEREAS, As two of the most promising scientists among the nation's high school seniors, Roberto and Ricardo Lopez have truly established a high standard of academic excellence and purposefulness of life rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, In achieving this high academic honor, 18-year-olds Roberto and Ricardo Lopez may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence they bring to their family, friends, community and school; 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 parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Roberto Lopez upon the occasion of being named a Finalist and his twin brother Ricardo Lopez as a Semifinalist in the Regeneron Science Talent Search; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Roberto and Ricardo Lopez.