LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Westhampton Beach High School Robotics Team upon the occasion of capturing the School of Business Partnership of Long Island Regional Competition title

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those who, by achieving outstanding success in their educational endeavors and competitions, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the dedication and commitment of our young people who distinguish themselves through excellence in scholastic competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Westhampton Beach High School Robotics Team upon the occasion of capturing the School of Business Partnership of Long Island Regional Competition title; and

WHEREAS, Participation in FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) events affords students the opportunity to apply real-world math and science concepts as well as develop critical thinking, time management and presentation skills; students learn to work as a group using collaboration and effective communication; and

WHEREAS, Competing against 50 teams at Hofstra University in the FIRST Regional Competition, the Westhampton Beach High School Robotics Team captured first place and became eligible to compete in the World Championships, held in St. Louis against 400 teams from throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Westhampton Beach High School Robotics Team became one of only three teams from Long Island invited to attend the World Championship; and

WHEREAS, Founded four years ago by Westhampton Beach High School senior Nick Panzarino, the Westhampton Beach High School Robotics Team of 15 students spent six weeks designing and building a 130 pound robot that competed in a tense variation of a Frisbee game; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Westhampton Beach High School Robotics Team that captured first place in the School of Business Partnership of Long Island Regional Competition title were: Nicholas Joseph Panzarino, Jack Douglas Buenten, John Anthony Baker, Adam Edward Shea, Timothy Raymond Shea, Mark Ebert, Alexander DeVito, Jennifer Baker, Walter Dawydiak, Aidan Bean, Sebastian Naranjo, Alex William Jaquin, Ryan Charles Jaquin, and Kenneth Calle-Manso; the team was coached by Anthony A. Kryl and Justin H. Kuey; their outstanding performance has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Westhampton Beach High School Robotics Team upon the occasion of capturing the School of Business Partnership of Long Island Regional Competition title; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, he transmitted to the members and coaches of the Westhampton Beach High School Robotics Team.