LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Hunter-Tannersville Central School District Odyssey of the Mind Team on being named 2013 World Champions

WHEREAS, Education is an organic process which is most successful when it consists of formal learning and informal, experiential opportunity; and

WHEREAS, The advancement of the ability of our young people to develop problem solving skills and engage in creative thinking offers them a pathway for reaching their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, The ability of our educational institutions to offer such opportunities requires the dedicated engagement of school faculty and administration, as well as of families, community volunteers and others willing to give of their time, energy and talent to bring out the best in young people; and

WHEREAS, The Hunter-Tannersville Central School District has advanced many activities and programs aimed at promoting the constructive growth of our people, including participation in the Odyssey of the Mind Program, which is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college; and

WHEREAS, Odyssey of the Mind competitions teach students cooperation and respect for the ideas of others, two valuable skills that will stay with them for a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Team members Troy Bates, William Garrison, Neal Statts, Dylan Endy, Emily Farrell, along with coaches Rich and Dawn Outtrim, dedicated countless hours using their knowledge, skills and unique talents to develop creative solutions to problems presented to them in the Odyssey of the Mind competition; and

WHEREAS, Through their diligent efforts, creativity and energy, the Hunter-Tannersville Central School District won their division becoming World Champions after outperforming teams from South Korea, Singapore, Poland, Mexico and teams from across the United States; and

WHEREAS, The people of the Hunter-Tannersville Central School District, Greene County and the State of New York commend them for their accomplishment and join them in celebrating their success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the team members, school officials and family members, and encourage them to continue their educational pursuits; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Hunter-Tannersville Central School District Odyssey of the Mind Team.