

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Huntington High School Science Bowl team upon the occasion of capturing the Long Island Regional Science Bowl Championship

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Huntington High School Science Bowl team upon the occasion of capturing the Long Island Regional Science Bowl Championship; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the United States Department of Energy's Office of Science, the Science Bowl encourages students to excel in science and math and pursue careers in those fields; about 9,500 high school and 4,500 middle school students participated in this year's Science Bowl regional contests; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island regional competition was one of 120 such regional contests being held throughout the country, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, A team of four exceptional Huntington High School students captured the Long Island Regional Science Bowl championship on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at Brookhaven National Lab in Upton, New York; the team will now advance to the national finals in Washington, DC in April; and

WHEREAS, The competition consisted of a fast-paced question-and-answer tournament designed to test participants' knowledge in biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, energy, mathematics and physics; and

WHEREAS, Huntington moved through a series of grueling rounds, including a tiebreaker with perennial powerhouse Ward Melville before topping Great Neck South in the finals to win the regional crown; and

WHEREAS, The Huntington squad included team captain Brian Gilbert and members Aron Coraor, Marc Feldman and Jacob Roday; junior Brian McConnell also practiced with the team, and despite his absence from the event, he was instrumental in their overall success; and

WHEREAS, The remarkable talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of teachers Dame Forbes and Lori Kenny, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; 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 honor the Huntington High School Science Bowl team upon the occasion of capturing the Long Island Regional Science Bowl Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Huntington High School Science Bowl team and teachers Dame Forbes and Lori Kenny.