

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Great Neck South High School's Robotics Team 2638 upon the occasion of winning the Chairman's Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those who, by achieving outstanding success in their educational and scientific and technological endeavors, 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 science and technology competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Great Neck South High School's Robotics Team 2638 upon the occasion of winning the Chairman's Award at the Finger Lakes Regional competition in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Chairman's Award is the most prestigious in FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics, and honors the team that represents a model for other groups to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST; and

WHEREAS, Through this competition and by winning the Chairman's Award, Great Neck South High School's Robotics Team 2638, known as Rebellion, was invited to attend the FIRST World Championship in Saint Louis from April 27, 2016 to April 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Rebellion also received a Hard Hat Safety Award based on its Community Outreach Safety Initiatives presented at the program events; and

WHEREAS, At the two-day event, Rebellion battled against 48 other teams from around the Northeast in more than 14 matches and, after the qualifying round, was ranked seventh overall in the competition, the highest ranking the team has ever achieved in any competition; and

WHEREAS, More than 100 South High students from grades nine through 12 are members of the school's Robotics Club; participants in Rochester included Sarina Chan, Hannah Chang, Steven Chasen, Kevin Chen, Maxwell Cohn, Sara DeCarle, Arman Farshadmand, Vanessa Fazzini, Kelly Foo, Max Gal, Ryan George, Joshua Go, Samuel Go, Clara Goldberger, Jennifer Guo, Noah Kniesly, Benjamin Kobliner, Jenna Kolodny, Rachel Koo, Adam Krieger, Jordan Lempert, Iris Lin, Michael Lu, Fion Ma, William Miecuna, Allyson Mittler (team co-President), Morgan Mittler, Wendy Mo, Rachel Moss, Ryan Motchkavitz, Jonathan Neves, Benjamin Newman, Jonathan Perlman (team co-President), Adam Pramberger, Joshua Putter, Haley Raphael, Saad Satter, Mansi Shah, Joon Shin, Parker Spector-Salwen, Avery Strongin, Carmen Tong, Tyler Warren, Everett White, Gabriella Wong, Siyeon (Stella) Yu and Erick Zizic; and

WHEREAS, Robotics faculty advisors John Motchkavitz, head of the Business/Technology Department, and Matthew Corrigan, Business/Technology Teacher have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Great Neck South High School's Robotics Team 2638 upon the occasion of winning the Chairman's Award at the Finger Lakes Regional Competition in Rochester, New York, and for their noteworthy educational, scientific and technological endeavors and achievements; their outstanding performance has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school and community; 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 and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Great Neck South High School's Robotics Team 2638 upon the occasion of winning the Chairman's Award at the Finger Lakes Regional Competition in Rochester, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Motchkavitz, head of the Business/Technology Department, Matthew Corrigan, Business/Technology Teacher, and to the members of the Great Neck South High School's Robotics Team 2638.