

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING the students from the Lake Pleasant Central School District upon the occasion of their participation and 1st place victories in the KidWind Challenge

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 commend the students from the Lake Pleasant Central School District upon the occasion of participating and their 1st place victories in the KidWind Challenge; and

WHEREAS, The KidWind Challenge is the ultimate wind energy learning experience for students; through this hands-on, investigative, and exciting competition, students will discover the promise and limitations of wind energy technology, compete with their peers in a supportive environment, and design, build, and test a functional creative wind turbine; and

WHEREAS, Students use recycled material in the construction of the turbine, and create components by utilizing 3D printing and crafting in the technology shop; the student's turbines are then tested to determine their electrical output as a renewable energy source; and

WHEREAS, Lake Pleasant students from the eighth and ninth grade traveled to SUNY Polytechnical Institute in Utica, New York, to compete in the Regional Final against other teams from around the area; and

WHEREAS, The members of the eighth grade team took 1st place as well as the 2nd and 3rd place spots in the middle school competition; and

WHEREAS, The ninth grade team captured 1st place in the high school category; and

WHEREAS, The eighth grade students participating in the Challenge included Alexis Brooks, Joshua Griffith, Daniel Johnson, Morgan Lane, Willa Perkins, Jeremiah Pierce, and Sarah Smith; and

WHEREAS, The ninth grade team consisted of Madeline Braunius and Alex Shepherd; and

WHEREAS, With these monumental wins, the two teams advanced to the

National KidWind Challenge at the AWEA WINDPOWER 2017 Conference in Anaheim, California, held on May 24-25, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Known as the premier wind energy conference, WINDPOWER showcases many of the major wind companies and wind developers from across the United States; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the National KidWind Challenge is to provide a venue for the top-scoring participants of the local KidWind Challenge Events and the winners to compete in one location; the competition involves tunnel testing, judging by engineering staff, instant competitions, and student presentations; and

WHEREAS, Since KidWind Challenge's inception in 2009, approximately 11,000 students have competed, 13,000 teachers have been trained, and 75,000 wind turbines have been constructed; 123 KidWind Challenge Events have been held in 19 states, and 204 REcharge Instructors have been trained; and

WHEREAS, The incredible talent displayed by these teams is due in great part to the efforts of teachers, Vanessa Saltis, science; David Bobbette, technology; and Jon Swift, computer technologies, all skilled and inspirational tutors respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Lake Pleasant Central School District's eighth and ninth-grade team members are loyally and enthusiastically supported by their Assistant Principal, Katria Hitrick, and the entire school staff, family, fans, friends and the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated members of the Lake Pleasant Central School District's KidWind Team's outstanding performance have 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 commend the students from the Lake Pleasant Central School District upon the occasion of their participation and 1st place victories in the KidWind Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned members of the Lake Pleasant Central School District Kid Wind Team, and to teachers, Vanessa Saltis, David Bobbette, and Jon Swift.