

**BY:** Senator JACOBS

**CONGRATULATING** the students of Veronica Conner Middle School upon the occasion of winning the Western New York Technology Education Association Tech Wars Cup

**WHEREAS,** Educational competitions which serve to better prepare our students for their future participation in the areas of Science and Technology are worthy of praise and support; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in educational competition, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the students of Veronica Conner Middle School upon the occasion of winning the Western New York Technology Education Association Tech Wars Cup at the 21st Annual competition on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at Niagara County Community College; and

**WHEREAS,** Tech Wars is an academically based technology competition that challenges middle and high school students in multiple project-based events of skill, chance and ability; the competition included such events as bridge testing, vex robotics, 3D modeling and CO2 car races; and

**WHEREAS,** Of the more than 500 middle and high school students from 26 school districts from all over Western New York, Grand Island High School took home the grand prize, the Western New York Technology Education Association Tech Wars Cup, for the third time in four years; and

**WHEREAS,** The talent displayed by the team of students from Veronica Conner Middle School is due in great part to the efforts of Technology Teacher Dave Bowman, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, these students 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 congratulate the students of Veronica Conner Middle School upon the occasion of winning the Western New York Technology Education Association Tech Wars Cup; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Grand Island Middle School.