

Assembly Resolution No. 478

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WELCOMING the members of the Robert W. Carbonaro School Student Council upon the occasion of their visit to The New York State Capitol, Albany, New York, on May 23, 2017

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 exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to welcome the members of the Robert W. Carbonaro School Student Council upon the occasion of their visit to The New York State Capitol, Albany, New York, on Tuesday, May 23, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Robert W. Carbonaro School Student Council is comprised of a special group of students in grades four through six who possess leadership qualities that reach far beyond the walls of their school; besides being motivated academically, the students share the common goals of thinking of those beyond themselves, supporting those whose voice may not be as strong as theirs, and working towards creating a positive environment for everyone; and

WHEREAS, The Robert W. Carbonaro School Student Council participated in an election process for the leadership positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; the students wrote their own speeches, which were revised and edited with their Student Council teachers; they rehearsed their speeches before school and learned how to appropriately give a persuasive speech; and

WHEREAS, The students presented their carefully prepared speeches in front of students from grades three through six; every student was given the opportunity to vote in a booth with an electronic ballot system via a computer; and

WHEREAS, The following students were elected as a result of this process: President, Olivia Lane; Vice President, Grace Kim; Secretary, Caraline Scanlon, and Treasurer, Olivia Valinotti; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the school year, the Robert W. Carbonaro School Student Council has raised significant funds for numerous worthy organizations including the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island, "Pennies for Patients", which benefitted children battling leukemia and lymphoma, and monthly fundraisers which assist needy families and to raise money for its scholarship to a South High School graduating senior who started their education at the Robert W. Carbonaro School; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Student Council organized a school-wide carnival and created a school store to help raise funds for upcoming events, and collected food for families in the area as well as for

Island Harvest; and

WHEREAS, The Robert W. Carbonaro School Student Council also coordinated Career Day for students who wrote about and dressed up as their future professions, and hosted a VIP Day where students identified positive role models in their lives and shared narratives with their favorite person; and

WHEREAS, With their sense of civic duty and their commitment to others, the members of the Robert W. Carbonaro School Student Council represent the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to wish the members of the Robert W. Carbonaro School Student Council continued success throughout their school years and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to welcome the members of the Robert W. Carbonaro School Student Council upon the occasion of their visit to The New York State Capitol, Albany, New York, on May 23, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Robert W. Carbonaro School Student Council.