

BY: Senator OBERACKER

CONGRATULATING the members of the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District Division 3 Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of winning first place in New York State for their outstanding solution to Problem 1

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the members of the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District Division 3 Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of winning first place in New York State for their outstanding solution to Problem 1; and

WHEREAS, Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program in which students from kindergarten through college learn how to think divergently by working as a team to solve an open-ended problem; and

WHEREAS, As part of the Odyssey of the Mind program, students also learn creativity, innovation, problem-solving, critical thinking, global awareness, interpersonal and collaborative communication skills, self-directions and adaptability; and

WHEREAS, Problem 1 was titled: OMer the ROMER, for Divisions I, II, III & IV; OMers are always looking for new fun, and funny, experiences; teams were asked to design and build a ride-on vehicle that would take an OMer character on an adventure in search of humor; the vehicle used stored energy as it was propelled forward and in reverse; at each stop, the vehicle and the OMer were asked to react to something humorous before traveling to the next destination; the humorous performance also included an unplanned stop where the OMer character took a selfie, a creative physical representation of the selfie, and a vehicle-produced special effect; and

WHEREAS, In addition to winning first place for their exceptional solution to Problem 1, this talented team received its fourth Ranatra Fusca Award, which is presented to teams or individuals who exhibit exceptional creativity, either through some aspect of their problem solution, or an extraordinary idea beyond the problem solution; and

WHEREAS, The Team will now travel to Orlando, Florida, in June of 2021, as representatives of Sherburne-Earlville Central School District and the State of New York to take part in the World Finals; and

WHEREAS, Coach Heidi Johnson has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, The triumphant Sherburne-Earlville Central School District

Division 3 Odyssey of the Mind Team members are: Jenny Adsit, Lillie Ashton, Maleah Britton, Anna Fern, Lily French, Justiss Kovack and Peter Peschel; 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 coach, teachers, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Educational competition instills the values of teamwork and accomplishment, and these outstanding students have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District Division 3 Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of winning first place in New York State for their outstanding solution to Problem 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District Division 3 Odyssey of the Mind Team and Coach Heidi Johnson.