

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING the Syosset High School Science Olympiad Team upon the occasion of winning the New York State Science Olympiad Competition

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 endeavors, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the dedication and commitment of our young people who distinguish themselves through excellence in science competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Syosset High School Science Olympiad Team upon the occasion of winning the New York State Science Olympiad Competition, which was held from March 17-18, 2023, at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, The team's victory is the first time in Syosset High School's history the team has ever placed first at the state level; with this monumental win, the team has earned a spot at the National competition in Wichita, Kansas, this coming May; and

WHEREAS, Earlier this year, 450 teams from around the state competed in regional competitions with only the top 60 advancing to the state level; having placed within the top 60, the Syosset High School Science Olympiad Team traveled to Le Moyne College where they completed 23 science-related events that ranged from building devices to conducting lab experiments; and

WHEREAS, The Syosset High School Science Olympiad Team's exceptional final score was recorded as the second-best score in the 37 years of the New York State competition; and

WHEREAS, The Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of Kindergarten-12 science education, increasing male, female and minority interest in science, creating a technologically-literate workforce and providing for recognition for outstanding achievement by both students and teachers; these goals are achieved by participating in Science Olympiad tournaments and non-competitive events, incorporating Science Olympiad into classroom curriculum and attending teacher training institutes; and

WHEREAS, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) is becoming an exceedingly popular and driving field in New York's economy and Science Olympiad programs are influential in preparing students to be leaders in STEM and at the forefront of emerging science and technology; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to celebrate the educational and scientific accomplishments of remarkable schools such as the Syosset Central School District, and its students, coaches and teachers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Syosset High School Science Olympiad Team: Simeone Hur, Warren Zhao, Aarya Patel, Alex Chen, Andy Chen, Tina Chen, Blesson Ren, Brenton Lee, Anthony Rodriguez, Connor Jin, Darius Fan, Ishan Patel, Jasmine Liu, Jesse Lebolt, Marcus Hoshino, Samuel Wang, Samuel Xiao, Simone Lim and Sophia Delgiannidis; and Advisor Mildred Castaneda upon the occasion of winning the New York State Science Olympiad Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Syosset High School Science Olympiad Team and to Adviser Mildred Castaneda.