

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

CONGRATULATING the John Jay High School Robotics Team, the MOB, upon the occasion of capturing the New York Excelsior Regional Championship on March 5, 2023

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 congratulate the John Jay High School Robotics Team, the MOB, upon the occasion of capturing the New York Excelsior Regional Championship at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, March 5, 2023, the MOB competed against the top teams in the State of New York, and beat their number two ranked opponent by one point, winning the Championship; and

WHEREAS, Through their tireless efforts, creativity and ingenuity, the members of the MOB had built a robot that was so dominant, it was able to defeat a pair of rivals single-handedly; and

WHEREAS, With this monumental victory, the MOB received an automatic bid to the World Championship in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Robotics classes teach students various skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, communication, leadership and ownership, all of which have led the John Jay Robotics Program to a high level of success; and

WHEREAS, The members of the MOB are loyally and enthusiastically supported by their school, family, friends and the community at large; 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 members of the John Jay High School Robotics Team, the MOB: David Bond, Orion Brandt, Zoe Dollar, Kristina Fonseca, Brooke Habinowski, Spencer Hadlock, Spencer Levine, Rachel Lewis, Kai Luongo,

Will Matthews, Lucas Oyen and Jack Shapiro; and Coach Jonathan Peter upon the occasion of capturing the New York Excelsior Regional Championship on March 5, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the John Jay High School Robotics Team, the MOB, and Coach Jonathan Peter.