

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Edward R. Murrow High School Chess Team and Coach Eliot Weiss upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 New York State Chess Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive games can be achieved only through practice, commitment, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Scholastic competition enhances the moral and mental development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, The Edward R. Murrow High School Chess Team are the New York State Champions for the 17th time, and are defending National Champions, having won eight consecutive National Titles; and

WHEREAS, Prior to clinching their State Championship, Brooklyn's Edward R. Murrow High School Chess Team won its 18th City Title at the 48th Greater New York City Scholastic Chess Championships, on Sunday, January 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Eliot Weiss, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Edward R. Murrow High School Chess Team, from the opening match of the season to participation in the championship, proved to be a group of masterminds, displaying good sportsmanship and ability, and demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Competitively and academically, the members of this exemplary team have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

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

WHEREAS, Competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Eliot Weiss and his outstanding team 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 Edward R. Murrow High School Chess Team; its members: Kristian Jacome, Azeez Alade, Muhammad Raqib, Muhamed Zekic, Alex Ostrovskiy, Shawn Swindell, Alexis Paredes, Saed Vargas, Nafitul Bhuiyan, Brian Arthur, Richard Bennett, Edeli Cuate, James Black, and Earl Chase; and Coach Eliot Weiss on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Edward R. Murrow High School Chess Team and to Coach Eliot Weiss.