

BY: Senator HANNON

CONGRATULATING the Bethpage High School Robotics,
Regal Eagles Team upon the occasion of capturing the
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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 Bethpage High School Robotics, Regal Eagles Team upon the occasion of capturing the FIRST World Championship in their division; and

WHEREAS, A non-profit organization headquartered in Manchester, New Hampshire, FIRST was founded by investor and entrepreneur Dean Kamen with the hopes of inspiring young people to pursue further studies and careers in science and technology; and

WHEREAS, After earning several awards, including the Engineering Inspiration Award at the School Business Partnerships of Long Island (SBPLI) Regionals at Hofstra University from March 31-April 2, 2018, the Bethpage High School Robotics, Regal Eagles Team participated in the FIRST World Championships from April 26-28, 2018, in Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of their qualification matches, the Regal Eagles were members of the top-seeded alliance in the Tesla Sub-Division Playoffs and joined forces with OP Robotics (Stoney Creek, Ontario) and Theory 6 Robotics (Mississauga, Ontario); their alliance rolled through the best-of-three formatted quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals in their division to a 6-1 record and won the Tesla Sub-Division; and

WHEREAS, After this monumental win, the Regal Eagles and their alliance partners played in the Einstein round-robin style tournament against the other five sub-division winners, and finished third out of 405 teams from around the globe, marking the first time since 2002 that any Long Island robotics team has participated in the Einstein round-robin tournament at FIRST World Championships; and

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

WHEREAS, The incredible talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of co-Advisors Dan Zabell and Eric Kay, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Bethpage High School Robotics, Regal Eagles Team members are loyally and enthusiastically supported by their Principal, Michael Spence, the entire school staff, family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated members of the Bethpage High School Robotics, Regal Eagles Team's outstanding performance has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Bethpage High School Robotics, Regal Eagles Team upon the occasion of capturing the FIRST World Championship in their division; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Bethpage High School Robotics, Regal Eagles Team, Dan Zabell and Eric Kay, co-Advisors, and Michael Spence, Principal, Bethpage High School.