

**BY:** Senator BONACIC

**CONGRATULATING** the Goshen High School Mock Trial Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2017-2018 New York State Trial Tournament Championship

**WHEREAS,** It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State by achieving outstanding success in educational 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 Goshen High School Mock Trial Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2017-2018 New York State Trial Tournament Championship; and

**WHEREAS,** The New York State High School Mock Trial Tournament, one of the largest in the country, has been administered by the Law, Youth and Citizenship Committee of the New York State Bar Association since 1982; and

**WHEREAS,** The Goshen High School Mock Trial Team defeated Brooklyn Technical High School in an intense competition held at the James T. Foley Federal Courthouse in Albany, New York; it was Goshen High School's fourth year in the semi-finals and its first time in the finals; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the course of the two-day tournament, eight teams, representing the regional winners from throughout the state, argued the fictional criminal case of People v. Carson Conners; The Honorable Mae D'Agostino presided over the final round of competition on Tuesday, May 15, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** The remarkable talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Faculty Adviser of 20 years, Robert Karchawer and Attorney Coach Mark D. Stern, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** The Goshen High School Mock Trial Team's overall record is outstanding, winning 15 of the last 16 county contests, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

**WHEREAS,** Adviser Robert Karchawer and Coach Mark D. Stern have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring these young debaters toward their goals; and

**WHEREAS,** The Goshen High School Mock Trial Team has proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; 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 teachers, coaches and parents; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Goshen High School Mock Trial Team: Jessica Bailey, Rachel Blustein, Arrington Brendle, Kareena Chhabra, Zachary Constantine, Giannamarie Diaz, Michael Ehling, Liam Higgins, Sara Higgins, Caitlin Hough, Aleena Jacob, Sydney Jessup, Olivia Klugman, Ava Kunis, Maggie Larsen, James Lindeman, Anya Malhotra, Domenico Pasquini, Jay Jung, Nazya Ahmed, Fattum Abbad, Ashley Rivera, Robert Siracuse and Robert Winslow; Faculty Adviser Robert Karchawer; and Attorney Coach Mark D. Stern; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Goshen High School Mock Trial Team, Faculty Adviser Robert Karchawer, and Attorney Coach Mark D. Stern.