

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING the Charlton Heights Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Championship on March 23, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Charlton Heights Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Championship on Saturday, March 23, 2019, in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program in which students from kindergarten through college learn how to think divergently by working as a team to solve an open-ended problem; and

WHEREAS, As part of the Odyssey of the Mind program, students also learn creativity, innovation, problem-solving, critical thinking, global awareness, interpersonal and collaborative communication skills, self-directions and adaptability; and

WHEREAS, Part of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School District, the Charlton Heights Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team competed in the Leonardo's Workshop problem, that required students to create and present a performance telling an original story about Leonardo da Vinci; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable all-girl team of six fourth-graders' solution included a robotic knight powered by hydraulics and two jaw-dropping replicas of Leonardo's the Mona Lisa and Lady with Ermine paintings; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the team incorporated song, dance, and witty dialogue of a painting that snapped to life into their eight-minute performance; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Kodi Kibler and Sara Welsh have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, The triumphant Charlton Heights Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team members are Lucy Capo, Emme Fischer, Arden Heiner, Stella Kibler, Gabi Tatro and Caroline Welsh; 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, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Educational competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and these outstanding students 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 Charlton Heights Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Championship on March 23, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Charlton Heights Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team and Coaches Kodi Kibler and Sara Welsh.