

**BY:** Senator LAVALLE

**CONGRATULATING** the Southold/Greenport High School Robotics Team, R.I.C.E. 870, upon the occasion of capturing two Regional Titles

**WHEREAS,** Educational competitions which serve to better prepare our students for their future participation in the areas of Science and Technology are worthy of praise and support; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in educational competition, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Southold/Greenport High School Robotics Team, R.I.C.E. 870, upon the occasion of capturing two Regional Titles; and

**WHEREAS,** To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Southold/Greenport High School Robotics Team captured a first place victory at the 2019 Finger Lakes Regional Competition on March 14-16, 2019, at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT); and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, this win clinched a spot in the World Championships in Detroit, considered the largest student-focused STEM celebration in the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Two weeks later, R.I.C.E. 870 competed against 47 teams to win the Small Business Partnerships of Long Island Regional No. 2 on March 28-30, 2019, at Hofstra University; additionally, they were the proud recipients of the Entrepreneurship Award in recognition of their strong business plan; and

**WHEREAS,** This is the first Southold/Greenport High School Robotics Team to win two regional competitions in one season; the team is now ranked in the top 10% of all active FIRST Robotics Teams worldwide; and

**WHEREAS,** The incredible talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Team Advisors Christine Schade and Bob Gammon, skilled and inspirational tutors respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; 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, advisors and parents; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Southold/Greenport High School Robotics Team, R.I.C.E.

870, upon the occasion of capturing two Regional Titles; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Southold/Greenport High School Robotics Team, R.I.C.E. 870, and Team Advisors Christine Schade and Bob Gammon.