

**BY:** Senator KAPLAN

**CONGRATULATING** Sahar Juliet Tartak upon the occasion of capturing first place in the International DECA competition in Atlanta, March 23-26, 2022

**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 Sahar Juliet Tartak upon the occasion of capturing first place in the International DECA competition in Atlanta, March 23-26, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** DECA was established in 1946 with the goal of preparing students for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe; and

**WHEREAS,** This sterling organization prepares future business leaders by providing students with opportunities to learn real-world business skills, and allowing them to demonstrate their skills, either in teams or individually, in competition; and

**WHEREAS,** DECA is organized into two unique student divisions each with programs designed to address the learning styles, interest, and focus of its members; the High School Division includes over 170,000 members in 3,200 schools and the Collegiate Division includes nearly 5,000 members in 200 colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS,** Sahar Juliet Tartak participated in DECA's "Human Resources Management" event, an individual competition; in this event, competitors are given a briefing on a human resources situation on the spot at a given company and have to solve/handle the situation; they have 10 minutes to prepare a solution and 10 minutes to present the solution to the judge; competitors also take a test surrounding business management and administration; the test and the "roleplay" presentations add up to a score which DECA uses to rank its competitors; and

**WHEREAS,** Sahar Juliet Tartak won 1st place out of 200 international qualifiers, with each qualifier having won the event in their respective state/region in order to qualify for the international competition; and

**WHEREAS,** For instance, one of the situations was a company whose employees were behaving poorly in public, for example being drunk and belligerent, while wearing company clothes, even though they were not at work; so, roleplaying the Human Resource Director of the company, Sahar Juliet Tartak had to come up with a solution that balanced their privacy outside of work while upholding the company's reputation; and

**WHEREAS,** Additionally, Sahar Juliet Tartak served this year as the Executive President of New York DECA, which has thousands of members; and

**WHEREAS,** When she was not competing at the international competition, Sahar Juliet Tartak was busy meeting her constituents and participating in the national DECA elections; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Sahar Juliet Tartak now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers, coaches and parents; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sahar Juliet Tartak upon the occasion of capturing first place in the International DECA competition in Atlanta, March 23-26, 2022; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sahar Juliet Tartak.