

**BY:** M. of A. Simpson

**CONGRATULATING** the members of the William H. Barton Intermediate School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Championship

**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 members of the William H. Barton Intermediate School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Championship in Syracuse, 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-direction and adaptability; and

**WHEREAS,** Part of the Queensbury Union Free School District, the William H. Barton Intermediate School Odyssey of the Mind Team competed in this auspicious problem-solving and creativity contest against more than 60 teams from around the world, including China, Japan, Hong Kong, Poland, Russia, India and Mexico; and

**WHEREAS,** The triumphant team, comprised of seven students from the William H. Barton Intermediate School in Queensbury, New York, won first place in the competition, qualifying them for the World Competition in Ames, Iowa; this extraordinary achievement is a first for the school's Odyssey of the Mind Team; and

**WHEREAS,** These successful Odyssey of the Mind Team members are: Alexandru Mailat, Avery Nelson, Brynn Cintora, Dominic Valastro, Isabella Ramos, Jonah Di Bari and Mason Bartone; and

**WHEREAS,** Coach Heather Rogge, Coach Aurora Truta and Team Advisor Wendy Single have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; 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 contributed 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 members of the William H. Barton Intermediate School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Championship; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the William H. Barton Intermediate School Odyssey of the Mind Team; Coach Heather Rogge, Coach Aurora Truta and Team Advisor, Wendy Single.