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CONGRATULATING NASA Astronaut Jasmin Moghbeli upon the occasion of serving as Spacecraft Commander aboard the SpaceX Falcon 9 spacecraft to the International Space Station

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate significant events which represent turning points in our unique history and commend those outstanding individuals whose steadfast and unremitting dedication to space exploration, scientific discovery and aeronautics research results in groundbreaking discoveries which improve the lives of the citizens of New York State, as well as those of the entire Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate NASA Astronaut Jasmin Moghbeli upon the occasion of serving as Spacecraft Commander aboard the SpaceX Falcon 9 spacecraft to the International Space Station; and

WHEREAS, Jasmin Moghbeli, who dreamed of becoming an astronaut as child growing up in Baldwin, New York, will take her first trip into space, serving as Spacecraft Commander for a flight to the International Space Station; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Jasmin Moghbeli, the SpaceX Crew-7 mission is expected to launch no earlier than 2023 on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida; and

WHEREAS, It has been a long journey for Jasmin Moghbeli, who first dreamed of being a space explorer while attending Lenox Elementary School; she wrote a sixth-grade book report on the first woman in space and put together a makeshift spacesuit for the project, made of white windbreaker jackets, a plastic face mask and snow boots; and

WHEREAS, A consistently high-achieving student, Jasmin Moghbeli graduated from Baldwin High School where she played basketball and lacrosse, before earning a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's degree in aerospace engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in California; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of her collegiate studies, Jasmin Moghbeli became an AH-1W Super Cobra attack helicopter pilot and Marine Corps test pilot, logging over 150 combat missions; and

WHEREAS, When Jasmin Moghbeli graduated from NASA's astronaut school in 2020, the ceremony was livestreamed into the gym at Lenox Elementary School, where students watched and were treated to a video chat with the alumna who urged them to dream big and keep going even in the face of failure; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Jasmin Moghbeli was among 13 men and women chosen from 18,000 applicants for the class, which lasted two years; and

WHEREAS, Jasmin Moghbeli truly personifies the significance of the availability of STEM programs to young women and all students, and serves as a reminder that even the sky is not a limit to the potential of our nation's greatest resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, Organizations and individuals which have given so selflessly of their skills and dedication in performing vital research to bring us closer to better understanding and protecting our world and universe, are worthy and due the highest commendation for their contributions to all of humanity; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when events of such historic significance are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate NASA Astronaut Jasmin Moghbeli upon the occasion of serving as Spacecraft Commander aboard the SpaceX Falcon 9 spacecraft to the International Space Station; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to NASA Astronaut Jasmin Moghbeli.