Senate Resolution No. 933

BY: Senator PALUMBO

congratulating the Southold High School Robotics Team RICE 870 upon their designation as a Finalist in the FIRST World Championships

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 Southold High School Robotics Team RICE 870 upon their designation as a Finalist in the FIRST World Championships which took place from April 19-22, 2023, at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas, where 620 teams from over 30 countries competed; and

WHEREAS, Team RICE 870 went 16-7, successfully making it through the Einstein Field, and thereby securing their position in the Finals, during which they and their alliance partners, 5460 and 125, concluded their season as World Championship Finalists, placing second in the Daly Division; and

WHEREAS, Prior to this monumental feat, Team RICE 870 went 13-4 in the first regional competition which was held from March 20-22, 2023; the team competed against 45 teams from four countries and was a finalist and the recipient of the Judges Award; and

WHEREAS, Team RICE 870 then captured the second FIRST Long Island Regional Championship from March 23-25, 2023, at Hofstra University's David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Center; they won this competition with a record of 13-2, beating 47 teams from four countries; in addition, they received the Innovation in Control Award; and

WHEREAS, Southold High School Team RICE 870 is composed of students from both Southold and Greenport High Schools; R.I.C.E. is an acronym for the team motto: respect, integrity, compassion, equity; and

WHEREAS, Robotics classes teach students various skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, communication, leadership and ownership, all of which have led the Southold High School Robotics Team to a high level of success; and

WHEREAS, Co-advisors Bob Gammon and Christine Schade have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Southold High School Robotics Team RICE 870 are loyally and enthusiastically supported by their school, family, friends and the community at large, and upon their return from the World Championships, they were greeted by all of their many fans; 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, coaches and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Southold High School Robotics Team RICE 870 upon the occasion of their designation as a Finalist in the FIRST World Championships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Southold High School Robotics Team RICE 870: from Southold High School, Sofia Gillan, Ava Rose, Flynn Klipstein, Brian Schill, Bryce Keels, Will Helinski, Noah Berry, Elizabeth Estrada, Laila Rose, Rylee Owens, Anna Colosi, Danna Duarte, Amy Estrada, Kimberly Gregorio, Caige Kaessinger, Harrison Craigue, Mae Dominy, Madeline Palumbo, Michaela Lynch, and Emma Binkis; and from Greenport High School, Declan Crowley, Nate Stevenson, Shepherd Odell, John Harvey, Brae Iglesias, and Noah Ganguzza; and Co-advisors, Christine Schade and Bob Gammon.