Assembly Resolution No. 2178

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CONGRATULATING Team TARDIS 5356 upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Inspire Award at the Excelsior Region Championship on March 3, 2024

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 Team TARDIS 5356 upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Inspire Award at the Excelsior Region Championship on Sunday, March 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Team TARDIS 5356 won the Inspire Award, the overall champion's award, honoring them as the most superior and well-rounded team in Upstate New York, and earning them a ticket to the FIRST World Championship in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Part of the FIRST Tech Challenge, a global competitive robotics league with more than 7,500 teams, Team TARDIS 5356 is one of three high school teams at Corning Robotics, a community program sponsored by Corning, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Team TARDIS 5356, a 14-member team with students from Corning-Painted Post, Horseheads and a home school, competed at the FIRST World Championship from April 17-20, 2024, in a field of 224 FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) teams from 45 states and 25 countries; and

WHEREAS, In the competition, Team TARDIS 5356 played to an 8-2 overall record in the Ochoa Division, setting multiple high scores in the division; the team was named 2nd Alliance Captain heading into the semi-final eliminations on the final day of the competition; and

WHEREAS, Team TARDIS 5356 finished ranked No. 16 out of the 224 teams competing in the FIRST World Championship; furthermore, the team's engineering portfolio, which documents the season's journey and robot design and development, earned a second place Think Award in the Ochoa Division; and

WHEREAS, Paul Dohn, a founding father of Team TARDIS (2011) and now its senior mentor, was nominated by the team in recognition of his dedication to STEM education and the Corning Robotics program; he was recognized as the second-place global finalist for the Compass Award,

which honors the best coaches and mentors in FIRST Tech Challenge; and

WHEREAS, Team TARDIS 5356 exceeded all expectations and were outstanding ambassadors for STEM, Corning Robotics, Upstate New York and the Excelsior Region; throughout the season, they contributed more than 930 hours of STEM-based education outreach in the community, interacting with more than 1,650 youth at more than 20 events, encouraging the next generation to embrace robotics, engineering and science as they grow; 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, mentors, and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Team TARDIS 5356 upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Inspire Award at the Excelsior Region Championship on March 3, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of Team TARDIS 5356: Adam Perry, Thang Tran, Thai Tran, Isaac Moyer, Luke McNaughton, Eavan Qin, Victor Roussev, Dean Simons, Nicole Miller, Tristan Lint, Graham Simons, Michael McNaughton, Seojun Cho and Daphne Karacay.