

Assembly Resolution No. 1115

**BY:** M. of A. Conrad

**CONGRATULATING** the Kenmore East High School Model United Nations Team upon the occasion of winning the WNY Model UN General Assembly competition on March 17, 2026

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those exemplary educational institutions and students whose achievements bring pride and distinction to their schools and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Kenmore East High School has once again distinguished itself through academic excellence and civic engagement by earning the highest honor, Best Overall Delegation, at the Western New York Model United Nations General Assembly competition on Tuesday, March 17, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** This remarkable victory marks the 20th time that Kenmore East High School has achieved this prestigious distinction since 2002, a testament to the program's enduring tradition of excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** The 2026 competition was among the largest in Western New York history, featuring nearly 900 students representing 76 delegations from 47 schools, each simulating the work of the United Nations through rigorous debate and diplomacy; and

**WHEREAS,** Representing the nation of Belgium, the Kenmore East delegation demonstrated exceptional knowledge of global issues, parliamentary procedure, and international policy, excelling in debate and collaboration across multiple committees; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to being named Best Overall Delegation, Kenmore East students earned first-place honors in the Social, Cultural & Humanitarian Committee, the Political & Security Committee, and the Ad Hoc Political & Security Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** The team's continued success is a reflection of the dedication, perseverance, and intellectual curiosity of its students, who rose to the challenge of maintaining a legacy of excellence under significant expectations; and

**WHEREAS,** The team was expertly led by social studies teacher and advisor Christopher Knab, whose commitment to his students and passion for civic education have guided the program to extraordinary heights over many years, and whose retirement at the conclusion of this school year marks the end of a distinguished and impactful career; and

**WHEREAS,** The accomplishments of the Kenmore East Model United Nations Team are further enriched by the contributions of its student members, including team captain Logan Fey, as well as Julia Crawford, Rylie Harmon, Emma Cudzilo, Miguel Flores, Abigail Banaszak, Mena

Cortes, Tyler Kent, Madison Kopec, Kasia McGregor, Lola Norris, Addie Rejewski, Rowan Riley, Natasha Stanko, Fatemeh Tajik, Callie Torchia, Cole Wahler, and Ben Wojnowski; and

**WHEREAS,** Through their participation in Model United Nations, these students have demonstrated the highest ideals of scholarship, leadership, and global citizenship, preparing themselves to be thoughtful and engaged members of society; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Kenmore East High School Model United Nations Team upon the occasion of winning the WNY Model UN General Assembly competition on March 17, 2026; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned members of the Kenmore East High School Model United Nations Team and Advisor Christopher Knab.