

Assembly Resolution No. 661

**BY:** M. of A. Bendett

**CONGRATULATING** the Hoosic Valley Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of placing first in Problem 3, Division III at the New York State Odyssey of the Mind Championship Tournament on April 5, 2025

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** The Hoosic Valley Odyssey of the Mind Team had an extraordinary showing at the New York State Finals held in Syracuse, New York, on Saturday, April 5, 2025, exemplifying teamwork, ingenuity, and perseverance; and

**WHEREAS,** Composed of students in grades 10 through 12, the Hoosic Valley Odyssey of the Mind Team first competed in the Region 4 Championship Tournament, where they were awarded the Renatra Fusca Award, which is bestowed in recognition of outstanding creativity-an honor that speaks to the exceptional originality and innovation demonstrated by these remarkable students; and

Whereas, In April, the Hoosic Valley Odyssey of the Mind Team earned First Place in Problem 3, Division III, distinguishing themselves as the top team in the State of New York in their division for the second consecutive year; and

**WHEREAS,** This remarkable victory earned the team a well-deserved invitation to compete at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University, where they proudly represented both Hoosic Valley and the State of New York on the international stage, achieving an impressive Fourth Place finish among the best teams from across the globe; and

**WHEREAS,** The members of this talented and accomplished team include Isabella Schmidt, Evan Antolick, Anna Grace Macica, Sophia Wilson, Julia Mastromarchi, and Amelia Stannard, who, under the skilled guidance and mentorship of their coach, Kyle Schmidt, have demonstrated exceptional dedication, collaborative spirit, and creative problem-solving abilities; and

**WHEREAS,** The achievements of the Hoosic Valley Odyssey of the Mind Team bring great pride to their school, their families, and their entire community, and reflect the highest ideals of academic excellence and extracurricular engagement; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Hoosic Valley Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of placing first in Problem 3, Division III at the New York

State Odyssey of the Mind Championship Tournament, and to commend them for their outstanding accomplishments, creativity, and spirit; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Hoosic Valley Odyssey of the Mind Team and Coach Kyle Schmidt.