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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Lauren Altman, Ankur Mohan, Alexandre Guevara, Randall Tesser and Cassandra Guevara of Clarkstown South Senior High School upon the occasion of receiving a Top Ranking in the 2009 New York State and national National History Day competitions

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State by achieving outstanding success in educational competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Lauren Altman, Ankur Mohan, Alexandre Guevara, Randall Tesser and Cassandra Guevara of Clarkstown South Senior High School upon the occasion of receiving a Top Ranking in the New York State 2009 National History Day competition; and

WHEREAS, On May 1, 2009, Lauren Altman, Ankur Mohan, Alexandre Guevara, Randall Tesser and Cassandra Guevara, along with over 400 other students from across New York State traveled to Cooperstown to take part in New York State History Day; and

WHEREAS, National History Day, a federally recognized educational program sponsored in New York by the New York State Historical Association, encourages students grades six-12 to explore local, state, national and world history; after selecting a historical topic that relates to an annual theme, students conduct extensive research by using libraries, archives and museums, and oral history interviews; they also analyze and interpret their findings, draw conclusions about their topic's significance in history, and create final projects that present their work; and

WHEREAS, These particular projects which include historical papers,

documentaries, performances, tabletop exhibits, and websites can be entered in a series of competitions, from the local to the national level, where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators; in order to participate in the state contest, students achieved top scores at earlier school and regional contests; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Altman, Ankur Mohan, Alexandre Guevara, Randall Tesser and Cassandra Guevara won second place for their Senior Group Performance, One For All and Wall for One; and

WHEREAS, These outstanding students from West Nyack, New York, went on to earn, in addition, first place for their One For All and Wall for One project in the National History Day national contest held June 14-18, 2009, at the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Lauren Altman, Ankur Mohan, Alexandre Guevara, Randall Tesser and Cassandra Guevara 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 Lauren Altman, Ankur Mohan, Alexandre Guevara, Randall Tesser and Cassandra Guevara of Clarkstown South Senior High School upon the occasion of receiving a Top Ranking in the New York State 2009 National History Day competition and first place in the national contest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lauren Altman, Ankur Mohan, Alexandre Guevara, Randall Tesser and Cassandra Guevara.