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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Victor High School FIRST Robotics Team on winning the 2011 Rah Cha Cha Ruckus Robotics Competition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and commend the Victor High School FIRST Robotics Team on winning the 2011 Rah Cha Cha Ruckus Robotics Competition; and

WHEREAS, FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a multinational non-profit organization dedicated to transforming culture, making science, math, engineering, and technology as appealing to young people as sports are; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1989 by Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway Human Transporter, FIRST operates several competitions, including the FIRST Robotics Competition in which teams of high school students, sponsored and assisted by local companies and volunteers, design, assemble, and test a robot capable of performing a specified task in competition with other teams; and

WHEREAS, The FIRST Robotics Competition is an exciting, multinational competition which teams professionals and young people to solve an engineering design problem in an intense and competitive way; the program is often a life-changing, career-molding experience, and is always a lot of fun for both participants and spectators; and

WHEREAS, In addition to encouraging professionalism and sportsmanship, the FIRST Robotics Competition shows students that technological fields

hold many opportunities and that the basic concepts of science, math, engineering, and invention are both exciting and interesting; and WHEREAS, The outstanding members of the Victor High School FIRST Robotics Team were Tom Allen, Nathan Ciaio, Rob Carrier, James Dempsey, Sam DiPoala, Alex Double, Ford Filer, Jay Fleckenstein, Gabe Guidarelli, Colin Lemen, Mack O'Brian, Sean Raia, Scott Swigart, Alex Thomas, Brett Tuttle, Brendan Miles, Brendan Jacobs, Gus Albers, Chris Frutchey, Andrei Gutierrez, Emily Guidarelli, Michael Gydesen, Connor Hyser, Tommy Nguyen, Kai Schmidt, David Seelman, Tony Wilcox, Noah Anders, Colin Davidson, Westley Davies, Teddy Franceschi, Kyran Houck, David Johnston, Alayna Murphy, John Null, Alex Raia, Ricky Randall, Kristy Schantz, Ben Sentiff, Russell Henderson, Trey Butler, Eleni Fleckenstein, Greer Henry, Caroline Rochford, Molly Rochford, Jeremey Weed, and Sam Zhou; and

WHEREAS, The students were ably guided by Technology Education Teacher Peter Fleckenstein, who is in his 13th year teaching in the Victor Central School District, and dedicated mentors Amy Hyser, Andy Kinsman, Brent Weicht, Chris Hyser, Dave Avery, Dave Henderson, Gene Petilli, Jeff Myers, Jim Behrens, Dr. Joe DiPoala, Joe Murphy, Josh Dennstedt, Julie Nelson, Lang Butler, Marilee Montanaro, Mark Gydesen, Melissa Gydesen, Rick Schantz and Rita Cronise; and

WHEREAS, The competitions are high-tech spectator sporting events, the result of much focused brainstorming, real-world teamwork, dedicated mentoring, project timelines, and deadlines; and

WHEREAS, The Victor High School FIRST Robotics Team, Team 1559, participated in the 2011 Rah Cha Cha Ruckus, a Rochester-based robotics competition, finishing the competition as the number one seed out of 24 teams from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Spectators cheered as alliances of three teams competed against each other, their robots hanging inflatable tubes on pegs of different heights and participating in a Mini-Bot Race; and

WHEREAS, The Victor High School team went on to form an alliance with Team 610 (Toronto) and Team 578 (Fairport) for the elimination rounds; and

WHEREAS, The finals drive team orchestrated an impressive series of wins, including a dramatic win over the Webster Alliance, and the Victor Alliance went on to win the finals, two matches to zero, proving the Victor Alliance members to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, The Victor High School FIRST Robotics Team members have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; this Legislative Body is pleased to honor these young men and women, recognizing the value of their labors and the promise of their futures; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Victor High School FIRST Robotics Team on winning the 2011 Rah Cha Cha Ruckus Robotics Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Victor Senior High School FIRST Robotics Team members and to their much appreciated mentors.