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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Voorheesville Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing first place in their division at the Regional Tournament on March 2, 2013

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 the Voorheesville Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing first place in their division at the Regional Tournament held at Shenendehowa High School, Clifton Park, New York, on Saturday, March 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Odyssey of the Mind Competition teaches students to learn creative problem-solving methods, encouraging individual expression, imaginative thinking and team building skills in order to achieve solutions; and

WHEREAS, The Voorheesville Middle School Team's assigned problem was to create and present an original performance that included a replica of a documented architectural structure built between 1000 AD and 1600 AD, three vanished works of art to be found by two questing characters, and two songs accompanied by choreographed movement; and

WHEREAS, To address this problem, the Voorheesville Middle School Team chose to construct the Hall of Supreme Harmony in Beijing, China, with their Musical centered around balance and harmony as symbolized by Yin/Yang; and

WHEREAS, In addition to taking first place in their division, the Voorheesville Middle School Team was the only team among the hundreds

who competed to receive the Ranatra Fusca Award which is given to teams or individuals who display tremendous creativity at competition; and WHEREAS, The Voorheesville Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Team was coached by Shanna Anderson, Elizabeth Longden, and Kathy Curren, and the members were: Cole Anderson, Cormac Brennan, Nathan Clough, Christopher Curren, Daniel Curren, Ian Longden, and Nicky Summerson; and WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, these scholars 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, family and friends; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Voorheesville Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing first place in their division at the Regional Tournament, and offer them its best wishes for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Voorheesville Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Team.