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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jaclyn Onufrey of Wantagh High School upon the occasion of being named a semifinalist in the 2014 Intel Science Talent Search

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those who, by achieving outstanding success in their educational and scientific endeavors, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the dedication and commitment of our young people who distinguish themselves through excellence in science competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Jaclyn Onufrey of Wantagh High School upon the occasion of being named a semifinalist in the 2014 Intel Science Talent Search; and

WHEREAS, Once known as the Westinghouse competition, the Intel Science Talent Search is the oldest of its type in the nation, and is the country's most prestigious science scholarship competition; and

WHEREAS, For more than 60 years, the Intel Science Talent Search has recognized and rewarded the country's top young science students; and

WHEREAS, Jaclyn Onufrey, a senior at Wantagh High School, was recently named a semifinalist in the Annual Intel Science Talent Search; she was selected from more than 1,700 entrants from 489 high schools across 45 states; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, this competition has gained broad acclaim in the academic and scientific communities; educators, scientists, engineers and journalists throughout the United States have enthusiastically supported this annual event; and

WHEREAS, The Intel Science Talent Search was created to encourage high

school seniors who demonstrate exceptional ability in science, math and engineering through individual research projects; and

WHEREAS, Jaclyn Onufrey's 2014 Intel Science Talent Search project was entitled, "Invasion of the Asian Shore Crab (*hemigrapsus sanguineus*) to Eastern USA: Population genetics, distribution, and abundance"; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers and parents; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Jaclyn Onufrey, an able scholar, recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Jaclyn Onufrey of Wantagh High School upon the occasion of being named a semifinalist in the 2014 Intel Science Talent Search, and to commend her for her outstanding academic achievement, extending to her the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of her response to a promising future and appreciative of the model she represents for all aspiring young people of the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jaclyn Onufrey.