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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Cazenovia High School Academic Decathlon Team upon the occasion of capturing first place at the 2014 New York State Academic Decathlon Competition

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor the Cazenovia High School Academic Decathlon Team upon the occasion of capturing first place at the 2014 New York State Academic Decathlon Competition held February 28-March 1, 2014, at State University of New York College at Brockport, Brockport, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Academic Decathlon is a ten-event scholastic competition for high school students in which participants are tested in the areas of art, economics, essay, interview, language and literature, mathematics, music, science, social studies and speech; the three students with the highest scores in each subject are then awarded medals; and

WHEREAS, At the 2014 New York State Academic Decathlon Championships, the Cazenovia Academic Decathlon High School Team made their district proud by defeating five other schools and winning 35 individual medals; the team also qualified to compete in the nationals on April 24-26, 2014, in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Cazenovia Academic Decathlon Team have devoted significant amounts of time to studying numerous facts about this year's theme, World War I, while learning the importance of hard work and determination; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the team has claimed its 9th New York

State Championship in the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Cazenovia High School Academic Decathlon Team is due in great part to the dedicated efforts of their team adviser, Ben Wightman, a skilled facilitator who has guided many of his teams to victory; and

WHEREAS, No team can succeed without outstanding talent throughout its entire roster; such is the case for the members of the 2014 Cazenovia High School Academic Decathlon Team: Katherine Boone, Emma Dudley, Bob Louis, Danielle Axelson, Riley Lloyd, Joe Mevec, Remi Boissonnas, Brock Houghton, Piper McKinnon, Chase Matteson, and Lars Ohlsen; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those students of outstanding character who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the 2014 Cazenovia High School Academic Decathlon Team upon the occasion of capturing first place at the New York State Academic Decathlon Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Cazenovia High School Academic Decathlon Team, and to Ben Wightman, Team Adviser.