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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Goshen Intermediate School "Its How We Rule" Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 Odyssey of the Mind World Championship on May 31, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those who, by achieving outstanding success in their educational endeavors and competitions, 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 scholastic 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 Goshen Intermediate School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 Odyssey of the Mind World Championship in Ames, Iowa, on Saturday, May 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college; team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics; and

WHEREAS, Odyssey of the Mind teams bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and world level; thousands of teams from throughout the United States and from about 25 other countries participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, The Goshen Intermediate School "Its How We Rule" Odyssey of the Mind Team emerged victorious in a field of 54 other teams to capture the top prize at the 35th Annual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable group of seven fifth-grade girls used music,

puppetry, and humor to tell an intricate story of a coconut shortage faced by the Hawaiian King Kamehameha in 1795, which ultimately helps solve an obsession with technology in the year 3335; and

WHEREAS, Prior to winning the World Title, the Goshen Intermediate School Odyssey of the Mind Team won its regional competition, and then took first place at the New York State competition at SUNY Binghamton; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Jeanette McDowell and Amy Bunzey have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, The triumphant Goshen Intermediate School Odyssey of the Mind Team members are Madilyn Bunzey, Kierstin Holt, Sarah McDowell, Emma Melley, Brianna Van Steenburgh, Alexandria Thurtle and Jillian Welshoff; 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; and

WHEREAS, Educational competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and these outstanding young women have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Goshen Intermediate School "Its How We Rule" Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 Odyssey of the Mind World Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members and coaches of the Goshen Intermediate School "Its How We Rule" Odyssey of the Mind Team.