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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Shashwat Patel upon the occasion of winning the 2016 Orange-Ulster BOCES Spelling Bee on February 1, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in educational competition, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Shashwat Patel upon the occasion of winning the 2016 Orange-Ulster BOCES Spelling Bee on Monday, February 1, 2016, at BOCES' Gibson Hill Campus in Goshen, New York; and

WHEREAS, A two-time champion, 13-year-old Shashwat Patel is an eighth grade student at Monroe-Woodbury Middle School, Central Valley, New York; and

WHEREAS, This astute young scholar won by correctly spelling "autopsy", defeating 19 of the best spellers from 11 school districts throughout the region; in winning, Shashwat Patel has once again earned the honor of competing in the Scripps National Spelling Bee from May 22-28, 2016, in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Supported by his loving parents, Sudashima Naik and Prasanta Patel, Shashwat Patel has been ably coached by Kristine Mirenda, a skilled and inspirational tutor who has helped to develop his potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Shashwat Patel, in achieving this high honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence he brings to his family, friends, school and region; and

WHEREAS, Educational competitions which serve to better prepare our students for their future participation in the marketplace of ideas are

worthy of praise and support; and

WHEREAS, Poised with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar now stands honorably, in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by his teachers and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Shashwat Patel upon the occasion of winning the 2016 Orange-Ulster BOCES Spelling Bee on February 1, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shashwat Patel.