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Senate Resolution No. 424

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING the students of Grand Island High School upon the occasion of winning the Western New York Technology Education Association Tech Wars Cup

WHEREAS, Educational competitions which serve to better prepare our students for their future participation in the areas of Science and Technology are worthy of praise and support; and

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 the students of Grand Island High School upon the occasion of winning the Western New York Technology Education Association Tech Wars Cup at the 21st Annual competition on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at Niagara County Community College; and

WHEREAS, Tech Wars is an academically based technology competition that challenges middle and high school students in multiple project-based events of skill, chance and ability; the competition included such events as bridge testing, vex robotics, 3D modeling and

CO2 car races; and

WHEREAS, Of the more than 500 middle and high school students from 26 school districts from all over Western New York, Grand Island High School took home the grand prize, the Western New York Technology Education Association Tech Wars Cup, for the seventh time in nine years; and

WHEREAS, The talent displayed by the team of 65 students from Grand Island High School is due in great part to the efforts of Technology Teacher Carl Koppmann, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, these students 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, coaches and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the students of Grand Island High School upon the occasion of winning the Western New York Technology Education Association Tech Wars Cup; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Grand Island High School.