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Senate Resolution No. 2617

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING the Sanfordville Elementary School  
Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of  
capturing the 2017 World Championship on May 27,  
2017

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 Sanfordville Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team  
upon the occasion of capturing the 2017 World Championship on Saturday,  
May 27, 2017, at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan;  
and

WHEREAS, Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program  
which 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; 825 teams from throughout the United States and from numerous other countries participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, The Sanfordville Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team emerged victorious in a field of 54 other teams to capture the top prize at the 38th Annual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable group of seven students created a humorous story about a family that brings home an "Odd-a-Bot"; instead of being programmed to perform tasks, this Odd-a-Bot robot learns from watching others; the team designed, built, and operated an original robot which demonstrates human characteristics when performing tasks; and

WHEREAS, During the performance, the Odd-a-Bot moved and learned human actions from watching characters perform activities such as household chores, creating art, and dancing; and

WHEREAS, Prior to winning the World Title, the Sanfordville Elementary 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 Rekha Woods and Donna Denny have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, The triumphant Sanfordville Elementary School Odyssey of

the Mind Team members are Alexa Keys, Julie Woods, Ava Gell, Naa Korkoi Aryeetey, Olivia Holland, Killian Bauman, and Jay Seward; 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 students 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 Sanfordville Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2017 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 Sanfordville Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team, and to Johnna Maraia, Principal, Sanfordville Elementary School.