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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ryan Devanandan upon the occasion of winning the 2013 Capital Region Spelling Bee

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 Ryan Devanandan upon the occasion of winning the 2013 Capital Region Spelling Bee on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, 13-year-old Ryan Devanandan is an eighth grade student at Sand Creek Middle School in the South Colonie School district; and

WHEREAS, The astute young scholar won by correctly spelling prevaricate, defeating 117 of the best spellers in the region; in winning, Ryan Devanandan has earned the honor of representing the entire Capital Region when he competes in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington DC this spring; and

WHEREAS, For his impressive accomplishment, Ryan Devanandan received several prizes, including a paid trip for him and a chaperone to the Nationals, a laptop, Webster's Third New International Dictionary, a one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica Online, a special gift pack from Proctor's Theatre, and the Samuel L. Sugarman Award--a 2013 U.S. Mint proof set; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Devanandan is a highly motivated and multifaceted student whose interests and talents include programming, mathematics, playing violin, guitar, and piano, and composing songs; he is currently taking an online advanced placement statistics course and studying, on his own, such subjects as tensor calculus; and

WHEREAS, The annual Capital Region Spelling Bee, now in its 31st year, draws contestants from grades 4-8 and under the age of 16 from 62 school districts and charter and parochial schools who have all won in their respective districts; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Devanandan, 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 Ryan Devanandan upon the occasion of winning the 2013 Capital Region Spelling Bee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ryan Devanandan.