

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., JUNE 11TH, 2015 A.D.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, *That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**WHEREAS**, *Excellence and success in educational competition can be achieved only through strenuous practice and teamwork, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Educational competition enhances the moral and intellectual development of the young people of Erie County, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of critical and imaginative thinking, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and*

**WHEREAS**, *On May 19, 2015, the Clarence High School Mock Trial Team became the New York State Bar Association's 2015 Mock Trial Tournament State Champion, over Potsdam High School in Albany, New York; and*

**WHEREAS**, *The NYS Mock Trial Tournament is an educational program, co-sponsored by the New York Bar Foundation, where high school students have the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of civil/criminal law and courtroom procedures, and where thousands of students participate each year; and*

**WHEREAS**, *The NYS Championship is the first ever for the Clarence High School Mock Trial Team, who has won the Erie County championship for the past four consecutive years; and*

**WHEREAS**, *The intellectual talent displayed by the Clarence High School Mock Trial Team is due in great part to the efforts of Faculty Advisor Ronald DiNicolantonio and Team Captain Mitchell Snyder, who have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and*

***WHEREAS***, Educational competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; the ***Clarence High School Mock Trial Team*** has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence, which is a tradition of their school; and

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT***

***RESOLVED***, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to congratulate the ***Clarence High School Mock Trial Team***; its members: Captain Mitchell Snyder, Ethan Alexin, Derek Andrews, Tyler Bird, Julia Carey, Georgia Hulbert, Adam Klavoon, Rebecca Knapp, Alexander Maccallini, Ryan Mazurkiewicz, Mary Owen and Sean Stendardi; on their ***New York State 2015 Mock Trial Tournament State Championship***; and be it further

***RESOLVED***, that copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members and faculty advisor of the Clarence High School Mock Trial Team.

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**Edward A. Rath, III**  
***Erie County Legislator, 6<sup>th</sup> District***

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**Karen M. McCarthy**  
***Clerk of the Erie County Legislature***