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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Cassidy Lucas upon the occasion of being recognized as the 2013 National Medalist in the 90th annual Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor the achievements of its young citizens and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and accomplishments exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and nation: and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Cassidy Lucas upon the occasion of being recognized as the 2013 National Medalist in the 90th annual Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards, celebrated at the National Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 31, 2013, at Carnegie Hall, New York City; and

WHEREAS, Academically and artistically, Cassidy Lucas has distinguished herself as a young woman of superlative ability, talent, and maturity, establishing standards of excellence and achievement, purposefulness of life, and responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards have an impressive legacy, dating back to 1923, and are the largest source of recognition, publication, and scholarships for creative teens in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cassidy Lucas, an eighth grade Advanced Art student at the C.J. Hooker Middle School, received a silver medal in the mixed media category for her work, "Rainbow Scarf", a piece she painted on silk; and WHEREAS, Recognized by panels of creative professionals, Cassidy Lucas is one of the most talented young artists in the nation; this year, 230,000 works of art were submitted, and only the top one percent were

recognized at a national level; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model for her classmates, Cassidy Lucas has brought honor to her family, school, and community; and WHEREAS, Cassidy Lucas may stand with pride in her achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of her labors and the joy of her accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new experiences as she continues her education; and

WHEREAS, Cassidy Lucas represents the potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; this Legislative Body is pleased to honor this young woman, recognizing her achievements and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Cassidy Lucas upon the occasion of being recognized as the 2013 National Medalist in the 90th annual Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cassidy Lucas.