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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mitchell Aragona upon the occasion of winning the 2013 Congressional Art Competition for the 20th District of New York, on May 13, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Mitchell Aragona upon the occasion of winning the 2013 Congressional Art Competition for the 20th District of New York; his winning picture was displayed at a reception on Monday, May 13, 2013 at the Arts Center of the Capital Region in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The annual Congressional Art Competition, which began in 1982, is sponsored by the Members of the United States House of Representatives and seeks to encourage artistic talent among high school students nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Aragona is a student at Shaker High School in Latham, New York; his digital photograph of the back of a computer tower, titled "Walk Down Memory Lane," was judged to be the best out of 40 entries from 19 school districts in the 20th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, The imaginative photo, which was clearly the back of a computer, also resembled that of a dreary, almost futuristic cityscape; the sophisticated, professional quality impressed the judges and won the day; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Aragona's work will be on display at the United States Capitol for the duration of the year alongside the winning

entries from other Congressional districts nationwide; 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 eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this artist now stands honorably, with just pride in his accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by his teachers, mentors and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mitchell Aragona upon the occasion of winning the 2013 Congressional Art Competition for the 20th District of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mitchell Aragona.