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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Crea Mackenzie Kirkland upon the occasion of her work being selected for display at the 24th Annual Legislative Student Art Exhibition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements 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 Crea Mackenzie Kirkland upon the occasion of her work being selected for display at the 24th Annual Legislative Student Art Exhibition in the Legislative Office Building, Albany, New York, on Thursday, March 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Crea Mackenzie Kirkland was selected for this high honor for her exceptional watercolor painting; and

WHEREAS, The arts provide the skills and knowledge students need to develop the creativity and determination necessary for success in the global information age; extraordinary results occur for schools and communities which deliver high quality learning opportunities in, through, and about the arts for children; and

WHEREAS, Arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline and express feelings and ideas, which support academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her contributions to art, Crea Mackenzie Kirkland excels in the classroom with a 99 grade point average, and is a member of the Mary Lourdes Academy of Dance Competition Team; and

WHEREAS, Crea Mackenzie Kirkland exemplifies the best potential which

is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; she has brought enduring honor to her family and her community through her many academic and artistic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Crea Mackenzie Kirkland now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Crea Mackenzie Kirkland upon the occasion of her work being selected for display at the 24th Annual Legislative Student Art Exhibition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Crea Mackenzie Kirkland.