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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Keely O'Connor upon the occasion of being named a merit winner of the 2013-14 Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Keely O'Connor upon the occasion of being named a merit winner of the 2013-14 Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest; and

WHEREAS, Each year for the past 25 years, Lions Clubs around the world have sponsored a poster contest for local schools and youth groups, to encourage young people worldwide to express their vision of peace; and

WHEREAS, The theme of the 2013-14 poster contest was "Our World, Our Future"; and

WHEREAS, Keely O'Connor is an eighth grade student at the Carthage Central Middle School and entered the contest representing the Carthage Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Keely O'Connor was one of 23 merit winners from among 400,000 contest entries, along with winners from India, China, Chile, Greece, Israel, Italy, and other countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, Keely O'Connor plans to use her contest prize money to help defray her summer camp tuition at the prestigious Interlochen Center for Arts in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized; and

WHEREAS, Keely O'Connor exemplifies the best potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Keely O'Connor upon the occasion of being named a merit winner of the 2013-14 Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Keely O'Connor.