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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Frank Mondelli upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Fulbright Scholar Award

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 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 honor Frank Mondelli upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Fulbright Scholar Award; and

WHEREAS, The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs; a candidate must submit a Statement of Grant Purpose defining activities to take place during one academic year in a participating country outside of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual basis in the classroom, field, home, and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others' viewpoints and beliefs; through engagement in the community, the individual will interact with their host in an atmosphere of openness, academic integrity, and intellectual freedom, thereby promoting mutual understanding; and

WHEREAS, A 2010 graduate of CTEC's New Vision Education program, Frank Mondelli was named a Fulbright Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, upon his graduation from Swarthmore College in May of 2014, Frank Mondelli will travel to Okinawa, Japan, to engage with the indigenous Ryukyuan community in a variety of endangered language preservation projects; and

WHEREAS, Frank Mondelli will work with the community to build an online talking dictionary for the highly endangered Yaeyama language, and build a larger infrastructure of online and print materials for cultural documentation and investigation into inter-cultural relations throughout the islands; he will also make a political film documentary; and

WHEREAS, A double major in Honors Linguistics and Japanese, Frank Mondelli credits the New Vision program with providing him with a solid base for his study and achievement; remarkably, this exemplary young man is one of only three New Vision students to receive a Fulbright Award within the last five years; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar 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 honor Frank Mondelli upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Fulbright Scholar Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frank Mondelli.