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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Thomas Rennels upon the occasion of winning first prize in the 2014 B'nai B'rith Capital Area Holocaust Essay Contest

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in writing competitions, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Thomas Rennels upon the occasion of winning first prize in the 2014 B'nai B'rith Capital Area Holocaust Essay Contest; he will be honored by B'nai B'rith Unit 879 Schenectady at a ceremony at the Jewish Federation Community Room in Albany, New York, on Wednesday, June 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, For almost 20 years, the B'nai B'rith Capital Area Annual Holocaust Essay Contest has worked to honor the memory of the victims of the Holocaust by reaching out to young people in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Thomas "Tommy" Rennels, a student at Lisha Kill Middle School, has achieved first prize for his outstanding essay on what life would be like as a Jewish family facing Nazi occupation, and on what should be done today to right the wrongs done during the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, In his essay, Thomas Rennels showed a deep appreciation for the plight of Jewish people during this period, and a recognition of the evils of bigotry and intolerance in our modern world; 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 and parents; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Thomas Rennels upon the occasion of winning first prize in the 2014 B'nai B'rith Capital Area Holocaust Essay Contest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Rennels.