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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Margaret Murnane upon the occasion of winning the 2015 Congressional Art Competition for the 20th Congressional District of New York

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 Margaret Murnane upon the occasion of winning the 2015 Congressional Art Competition for the 20th Congressional District of New York; her winning picture was displayed at a reception 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, Margaret Murnane is a Junior at Shaker High School in Latham, New York; her acrylic painting, entitled "Family Ties" was judged to be the best out of 48 unique entries from 18 different schools throughout the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Murnane's exceptional piece 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, Artistic 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 her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers, mentors and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Margaret Murnane upon the occasion of winning the 2015 Congressional Art Competition for the 20th Congressional District of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Margaret Murnane.