

## 2013-J3210

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Travis Sauer, Bailey Gatus, and Ryan Harrington of Questar III's Rensselaer Educational Center in Troy, upon the occasion of capturing Second Place in the Capital Region History Day Contest, on March 23, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in an educational competition, 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 Travis Sauer, Bailey Gatus, and Ryan Harrington of Questar III's Rensselaer Educational Center in Troy, upon the occasion of capturing Second Place in the Capital Region History Day Contest; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Region History Day Contest was held on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at the Cultural Education Center in Albany, New York; the preliminary regional competition of the National History Day Contest, the Capital Region event attracted 132 students and 75 entries from schools in Albany, Clifton Park, Delmar, Guilderland, Granville, Troy, and Schenectady; and

WHEREAS, National History Day is a year-long academic program focused on historical research for 6th to 12th grade students; and

WHEREAS, National History Day makes history come alive for America's youth by engaging them in the discovery of the historic, cultural and social experiences of the past; through hands-on experiences and presentations, today's students are better able to inform the present and shape the future; National History Day transforms the process of learning history through utilizing project-based curriculum and instruction and the spirit of competition; and

WHEREAS, In New York State, National History Day is sponsored by the New York State Historical Association which encourages students to explore local, state, national, and world history; after selecting a historical topic that relates to an annual theme, students conduct extensive research by using libraries, archives, museums, and oral history interviews; and

WHEREAS, As part of National History Day, New York students analyze and interpret their findings, draw conclusions about their topics' significance in history, and create final projects that illustrate their work; this year's theme was "Turning Points in History"; and

WHEREAS, Travis Sauer, Bailey Gatus, and Ryan Harrington, are students at Questar III's Rensselaer Educational Center in Troy, New York; coached by their teachers, John Mahony, Mary Bayham, and Lewis Cappelli, these scholars won Second Place in the Senior Group Web Sites category for their project, "Pressure for Aviation Performance"; and

WHEREAS, By capturing Second Place in their division at the Capital Region History Day Contest, Travis Sauer, Bailey Gatus and Ryan Harrington, qualified to advance to the state competition in Cooperstown, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to celebrate the accomplishments of remarkable and exceptional students who participate in these educational contests and who have achieved noteworthy recognition for their efforts; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Travis Sauer, Bailey Gatus and Ryan Harrington, all able scholars, recognizing the value of their labors and the promise of their futures; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Travis Sauer, Bailey Gatus and Ryan Harrington of Questar

III's Rensselaer Educational Center in Troy, upon the occasion of capturing Second Place in the Capital Region History Day Contest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Travis Sauer, Bailey Gatus, and Ryan Harrington.