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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Georgia Berry upon the occasion of winning the 2015 Youth Art Month New York State Flag Design Competition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to 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, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the dedication and commitment of our young people who, by achieving outstanding success in their endeavors, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State, and who distinguish themselves in competition through excellence and accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Georgia Berry upon the occasion of winning the 2015 Youth Art Month New York State Flag Design Competition; and

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1961 by the Art and Craft Materials Institute (ACMI) in cooperation with the NAEA, the program is administered by the Council for Art Education (CAE) and focuses on the value of art education which develops divergent and critical thinking skills, multicultural awareness, as well as technical, communication and expressive skills; and

WHEREAS, To promote Youth Art Month, the CAE coordinates the State Flag Program in which each state organizes a flag design contest, with the winning design made into a flag for display at its National Convention; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Ian and Monica Berry, Georgia Berry is an eighth grade student at Maple Avenue Middle School in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, Currently on the high honor roll, Georgia Berry is enrolled in several honors courses including, Earth Science, ELA, Social Studies, Algebra, and Technology, and is a member of the Junior Varsity Crew Team; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Berry's flag design was selected to represent New York State at the 2015 National Art Educators Conference which runs from March 26-28, 2015, at the New Orleans Convention Center and Hilton New Orleans Riverside; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to wish Georgia Berry continued success throughout her school years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Berry, in achieving this high honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence she brings to her family, friends, community and school, Maple Avenue Middle School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Georgia Berry upon the occasion of winning the 2015 Youth Art Month New York State Flag Design Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Georgia Berry.