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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jeffrey Hafner Endler of Loudonville, New York, upon the occasion of winning the National Geographic Kids International Photo Contest

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who by their accomplishments, 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 Jeffrey Hafner Endler of Loudonville, New York, upon the occasion of winning the National Geographic Kids International Photo Contest; and

WHEREAS, This special photo contest was for aspiring photographers aged six-14; Jeffrey Endler won first place in the "People" category in the United States division of the contest which was awarded in December of 2012; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Endler took the winning photograph while on a trip with his mother, several other adults and nine other students from the Woodland Hill Montessori School; the trip was a visit to Woodland Hill Montessori School's sister school, the Sinai Primary School, in Babati, Tanzania, in August of 2012; and

WHEREAS, The trip was organized by Karen Cavanagh and John Mason of Water Power Peace, a project formed in 2008 with a goal of bringing safe water to Babati; the project began when WHMS teachers as well as scientists of Sabre Technical Services and engineers went to the Sinai School and designed a playground to generate electricity for the school; and

WHEREAS, Several other groups have gone on this particular trip before, but this past one was particularly unique being that the students had been pen pals with Babati students for almost three years and were finally able to meet their long-distance friends; over the course of the trip, Woodland Hill Montessori School students worked on several projects with the Sinai School, including teaching various subjects like art and spelling in English; and

WHEREAS, Documenting the journey in photographs has always been an integral part of the trip, and this year, Jeffrey Endler and his mother,

Lise, were in charge of taking most of the photos; he shot the winning photo with a Nikon D300 camera that he borrowed from his grandmother; and

WHEREAS, By winning first place, Jeffrey Endler received a Canon Powershot camera and copies of several National Geographic books; his photo, along with the other winners, will appear in the May 2013

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS MAGAZINE; and

WHEREAS, Currently a freshman at Shaker High School, Jeffrey Endler attended Woodland Hill Montessori School from kindergarten through 8th grade; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Jeffrey Endler 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, his parents, and his school; and

WHEREAS, In achieving this outstanding accomplishment, Jeffrey Endler may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence he brings to his family, friends, and his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Jeffrey Hafner Endler of Loudonville, New York, upon the occasion of winning the National Geographic Kids International Photo Contest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeffrey Hafner Endler.