

CLAIRE MAKRS

WHEREAS, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, founded in 1923 are the nation's largest, longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teenagers from seventh through 12th grades. Each year, students submit more than 150,000 works of art and writing to be evaluated by creative professionals, educators and scholars; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Claire Marks, a senior at Firestone High School in Akron, received the American Vision Medal in the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for her sculpture, "Paper-Mache' Ostrich," a 60-inch-tall piece constructed of aluminum foil, heavy gauge wire, chicken wire, paper towels and grocery bags covered in layers of paper mache. Her sculpture was displayed in the World Financial Center Courtyard in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Claire's sculpture was one of five pieces nominated at the regional level as "Best in Show." Her work was one of 100 pieces selected from more than 165,000 works of art and writing for the American Visions Medal; and

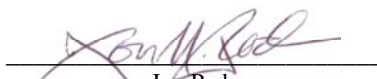
WHEREAS, Claire joins an elite group of artists in receiving her medal including: Richard Avedon, Mel Bochner, Truman Capote, John Lithgow, Joyce Carol Oates, Zac Posen, Sylvia Plath, Robert Redford and Andy Warhol who also won the award as teenagers; and

WHEREAS, Claire recently traveled to New York City in June for the National Art Celebration and Awards Ceremony at Carnegie Hall. The awards program, now in its 87th year, is the longest running visual and literary arts program of its kind.

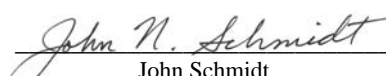
NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all and declared by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio that:


This Council commends Ms. Claire Marks on her exemplary talent and achievement. We congratulate her on receiving the National Scholastic Art Award and wish her the best in her future endeavors. We urge all citizens to join in honoring this fine, upstanding young woman on this 13th day of September in the year 2010.

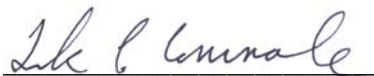

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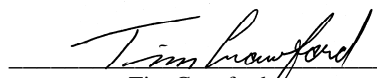

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