

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Stephen Abbott of Hartford, New York, upon the occasion of winning the United Association Pipefitter Apprenticeship Competition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made contributions to the cultural enrichment of the State of New York, and to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Stephen Abbott of Hartford, New York, upon the occasion of winning the National Pipefitter Apprenticeship Competition; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Abbott is the new North American champion pipefitter; a member of Local No. 773 of the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters, he recently placed first at the National Apprentice Pipefitting Competition in Ann Arbor, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, A 2001 Hartford Central School graduate, Stephen Abbott beat out 50,000 other contestants throughout the United States and Canada for top honor; he had the best overall score in a competition, based on copper pipe fitting, threaded pipe fitting, orbital welding, a written test and a personal interview; and

WHEREAS, With over 30,000 apprentices in the United States and Canada, to go out and be number 1 is quite an accomplishment; Stephen Abbott, who recently was advanced to a journeyman, spent three years in the apprenticeship program; and

WHEREAS, Normally, the apprenticeship program is for five years, but Stephen Abbott received two years of credit for an associate degree in HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) he received from Hudson Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Stephen Abbott's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Stephen Abbott of Hartford, New York, upon the occasion of winning the United Association Pipefitter Apprenticeship Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stephen Abbott.