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WHEREAS: 43 Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS) students were recognized with 108 awards from the 2025 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, the nation's longest-running, most prestigious award and recognition program to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talents; and

WHEREAS: CRLS students received 23 Gold Keys, 26 Silver Keys, and 59 Honorable Mentions for the Massachusetts Region; and

WHEREAS: These students were supported by extraordinary CPSD writing and visual arts teachers, including Melissa Chaney, Bianca Hegre, Amanda Kilton, Michele Watson, Deborah Milligan, and Jesse Young and Nicole Walter who guided, taught, and supported CRLS students through the long process to submit work to the competition, while teaching the Awards' core values of originality, skill, and emergence of a personal voice or vision; and

WHEREAS: The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the nation's longest running, most prestigious award and recognition program for creative teens, now in the 103rd year of its existence. Submissions are juried by luminaries in the visual and literary arts. National Medalists are eligible for scholarships of up to \$12,500; and

WHEREAS: The mission of The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the world through the Awards; and

WHEREAS: Some alumni of the awards include Andy Warhol, Robert Indiana, Amanda Gorman, Langston Hughes, Judy Blume, Richard Avedon, Cy Twombly, Ezra Jack Keats, Ken Burns, Stephen King, Edwidge Danticat, Sylvia Plath, John Updike, Red Grooms, Zac Posen, David Sedaris, Ocean Vuong and many more great artists; and

WHEREAS: During the 2025 program year, more than 110,000 teens from U.S. territories, Canada, and every state in the nation participated in the Awards, entering more than 335,000 works for adjudication. Nearly 92,000 regional awards were presented to 50,000 teens, and more than 2,500 works received national medals.

WHEREAS: This year, the Massachusetts region had 8,683 Individual Art Entries including 214 Art Portfolios; and

WHEREAS: Tufts University hosted the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Massachusetts Gold Key art exhibition from March 14-21 and the Massachusetts Award Ceremony on March 15; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee goes on record congratulating the CRLS students who have created this excellent work on this wonderful accomplishment, and thanking the CRLS writing and visual arts educators who have taught and supported these students; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution will be presented to the CRLS student 2025-26 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards winners and to the teachers who supported them in this process.