



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: July 5, 2016

TITLE: Recognition of Congressional Art Award Recipient

BACKGROUND:

Each year, Congressional Districts hold an art contest for high school students. The winning piece in each District hangs in the halls of Congress for 1 year. The runner-up pieces are placed on display at State Congressional District offices.

This year the winner in Arizona Congressional District One is **Joy Mona** from Ironwood Ridge High School with a piece entitled "Peace". Joy's pen and ink portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, one of the 20th century's most iconic cultural figures, will be displayed for the next year in the U.S. Capitol along with winning submissions from congressional districts nationwide. "Joy's artwork is a striking representation of one of the world's great ambassadors for peace," Kirkpatrick said. "Our district should be proud of her talents, and I am honored to display it in the Capitol for all to see." The portrait was created by writing the word "peace" over and over again.

Joy and a family member will fly to Washington, D.C. for the ceremony to open the student art exhibit as a guest of Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick.

We commend Joy for her creativity and commitment to artistic endeavors.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is presented to the Board for information and recognition.

INITIATED BY:

Amy Sharpe, Director of Community Relations

Date: June 29, 2016

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent

Peace, by Joy Mona, Ironwood Ridge High School, Oro Valley

