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

DATE OF MEETING: May 11, 2010

TITLE: Recognition of Grand Prize Winner Congressional Art Competition

BACKGROUND: For the third year in a row an Ironwood Ridge student is the Grand Prize Winner of the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by Gabrielle Giffords of District 8. The recipient of this award is junior Lindsay Bahureksa, who won top prize for a drawing created last year in Intermediate Art titled, "Best Friend" featuring her sleeping beagle named "Jack". The competition this year was judged by esteemed professionals from the art community including the Dean of Architecture from the U of A, the curator of The Center for Creative Photography, and artists from Friends of Western Art, among others. The competition was open to all schools from Congressional District #8.

Lindsay's award winning piece will hang in the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. for a full year. Lindsay receives a trip to D.C. with her family to tour Congress in session with Ms. Giffords and the White House, and to attend the National Art Award Ceremony with student winners from the country's other Congressional Districts. She also receives scholarship money and other prizes.

Most of the winning student works---including the Grand Prize piece---will be exhibited at the Tohono Chul Gallery through the month of May.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for the Governing Board's information and recognition.

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