

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ms. Ananya Cleetus, a 17 year old student at Upper St. Clair High School, was one of 32 students and student teams selected from across the United States to present their projects at the White House Science Fair in Washington, D.C. ; and

WHEREAS, hosted by President Obama, the Fair featured innovative projects, designs, and experiments from students all across America; in addition to meeting the President, Ananya presented her most recent invention – an affordable robotic hand designed for leprosy patients; and

WHEREAS, the robotic prosthetic hand was computer modeled, 3D-printed, wired, sewed, and programmed entirely by Ananya; her project has earned awards from Yale, Princeton, CMU, Duquesne, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; Ananya chose to focus this project on people in India who have lost limbs due to leprosy; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her prosthetic hand invention, Ananya has invented an improved “Jaipur Foot,” a prosthetic limb to which she added a spring to the ankle joint; Ananya teaches a fully accredited robotics course at Sto-Rox Middle School and was named a National Winner for Aspirations in Computing from the National Center for Women and Information Technology; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ananya Cleetus is an inspiration to the many young women in our region and across the United States; as the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are increasing in demand and popularity, Ananya will no doubt be a leader in every project in which she participates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Ms. Ananya Cleetus for her hard work, innovation, and diligence and wish her the best of luck in her continued education and future work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 8th day of October, 2014.

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