

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CONGRESS**

WHEREAS, The Athens High School Student Congress is a very active group of 51 students and two advisors, dedicated to giving back to their community as well as the region; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Athens High Student Congress puts in countless hours, as well as blood, sweat and tears to help a charity of their choice during Charity Week; and

WHEREAS, The Athens High Student Congress selected *Angels of Hope*, an all volunteer 501(c)(3) foundation, committed to making a difference in the lives of children and those who love and care for them as they battle cancer, realizing that cancer just doesn't impact the patient, it impacts the entire family; and

WHEREAS, This year the Athens High Student Congress gave back in a way that many teens and even most adults could not do by organizing a full week of activities, including penny wars, restaurant nights, teacher court, volleyball tournaments, magic show, Mr. Athens pageant, t-shirt sales, dance and much more. **Athens Student Congress** raised over \$41,000 this year for *Angels of Hope*. They also raised more than \$30,000 in 2011 for *Believe in Miracles* and in 2012 for *Shirts off Our Backs*; and

WHEREAS, The Student Congress generate excitement throughout the School's 1,600 students as well as within the community. Congress meetings take place prior to school starting, and after a full day of classes members stay after school to count pennies, sell shirts, run the events and then go home to complete their homework. There is not a lot of sleep for the Congress members during Charity Week; and

WHEREAS, Students find out how much money they raised at the Friday Pep Assembly and then celebrate their accomplishment with a final fundraiser that evening, the *Glowcoming Dance*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council extends special recognition to the **Athens High School Student Congress**, for their selfless and tireless service and dedication to so many worthwhile organizations over the years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents congratulate the **Athens Student Congress** for being a shining example of how to give back to the community, as well as the region and wish them continued success in all future endeavors.

Presented this 15th day of April 2013.