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Huntington Station Youth Named Local Winner In “Be Pool Smart” Poster Contest *Oakwood Primary Student Honored by Legislator D’Amaro*



Legislator D'Amaro honors Oakwood Primary student Jeremiah Person Gunter as the local winner in the 2014 “Be Pool Smart” poster contest, joined by students and back row (left to right): Oakwood Principal Eileen Kerrigan, teacher Geraldine Maurice and paraprofessional Carol Ricciuti-Gomes.

(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... June 23, 2014) – South Huntington School District second-grader Jeremiah Person Gunter was recently honored by Suffolk Legislator Lou D’Amaro (D-

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Huntington Station) at Oakwood Primary Center as the local winner of this year's "Be Pool Smart" poster contest. Established in 2007, the annual competition invites elementary school students to promote the importance of pool safety and prevent accidental drowning by creating a poster that illustrates one or more safety tips.

Each contest participant received a Certificate of Distinguished Achievement and Jeremiah, a Huntington Station resident whose entry was selected as the overall local winner, was awarded a special Suffolk County Proclamation from Legislator D'Amaro. He was joined by some of his fellow students and teachers at the presentation ceremony.

"Once again, the 'Be Pool Smart' poster contest drew many wonderful entries, but Jeremiah's stood out because of its creativity," said Legislator D'Amaro. "I am pleased to recognize Jeremiah for his winning entry and thank all of the contest participants for helping to spread the important message of pool safety."

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Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro represents the 17th Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, West Hills, Cold Spring Hills, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is chairman of the Budget & Finance committee and a member of the Education & Information Technology and Human Services committees of the Suffolk County Legislature.