

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) announced today that Mr. Wayne "Trey" Ralph Cleary III of Whitesboro, NY has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

"It is an honor to congratulate Trey and his family for this outstanding achievement," **Arcuri said**. "Trey will serve our country well and represent his community with honor and distinction. Speaking with him last week, I offered my sincere congratulations on his appointment and wished him the best of luck."

Mr. Wayne Ralph Cleary III, son of Ms. Claudia Tenney and Mr. Wayne R. Cleary, Jr. of Whitesboro, NY, is a senior at New Hartford Senior High School. Wayne's activities include: Civil Air Patrol, Swim Team, Cross Country, Film Club, Model United Nations, Advanced Placement and Honors courses.

Appointees to service academies are chosen from nominations received from Members of Congress throughout the country. In January, Arcuri nominated 28 students in the 24th Congressional District for one of the five U.S. Military Service Academies. Arcuri's Veterans Advisory Committee recommended students for nomination. Trey is the fifth student from the 24th Congressional District appointed to a U.S. Military Service Academy this year.

Students nominated by Arcuri compete against students around the country for appointments to the academies. Appointments are determined by the academies, selecting from a nationwide pool of nominees, and appointments are announced over time depending on how quickly the academies review applications and make decisions. In 2008, nine students nominated by Arcuri received appointments to U.S. Military Service Academies.

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