

No. R-142. House concurrent resolution congratulating Christian DeKett of St. Johnsbury Academy on winning the 2013 Vermont State Poetry Out Loud championship.

(H.C.R.104)

Offered by: Representatives Fay of St. Johnsbury, South of St. Johnsbury, Strong of Albany, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, in partnership with the Vermont Arts Council, sponsor the Vermont state competition of the Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest, and

Whereas, 37 high schools participated in the 2013 Vermont semifinal and final rounds at the Barre Opera House on March 13, and

Whereas, St. Johnsbury Academy English Department Assistant Chair Angela Drew, with the cooperation of the entire St. Johnsbury Academy English Department, coordinated the Academy's participation, and

Whereas, Christian DeKett from Wheelock, who has excelled in the dramatic arts at the Academy, was his school's Poetry Out Loud champion and advanced to the state competition, and

Whereas, Christian recited "I Am the People, the Mob" by Carl Sandburg and "Ultima Thule" by Linda Bierds in the semifinals, and

Whereas, he was selected as a regional semifinalist and proceeded to compete in the finals with nine other competitors, and

Whereas, the new final-round judges selected four competitors to advance to an even more selective championship round in which Christian DeKett recited the poem "Experience" by Ralph Waldo Emerson, and

Whereas, Christian DeKett recited beautifully and passionately and was named the 2013 Vermont Poetry Out Loud Champion, and

Whereas, as the Vermont champion, Christian DeKett was awarded a \$200.00 prize, and St. Johnsbury Academy was presented a \$500.00 allowance to purchase poetry books, and

Whereas, Christian DeKett with an all-expense-paid trip will represent Vermont at the Poetry Out Loud National finals in Washington, D.C. on April 29, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Christian DeKett of St. Johnsbury Academy on winning the 2013 Vermont State Poetry Out Loud championship and wishes him every success at the national finals, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Christian DeKett and to the St. Johnsbury Academy English Department.