

No. R-183. House concurrent resolution congratulating Lucinda Storz on winning the 2015 Vermont State Spelling Bee.

(H.C.R.140)

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon, Feltus of Lyndon, and Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, since she was a first-grader, Lucy Storz has developed a proficiency for spelling unusual and seldom-used words, and

Whereas, each year, Lucy Storz dedicates five to six months to practicing her spelling skills, and

Whereas, her motivation to master the correct letter order of seldom-recited English language gems is to advance in the State Spelling Bee's standings and ultimately to represent Vermont at the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, Lucy Storz represented the Lyndon Town School as its school spelling champion as a first- and second-grader, certainly an unusual distinction in which she can take great pride, and

Whereas, on transferring to the Thaddeus Stevens School in third grade, she continued her reign as her school's spelling champion and, as a fifth-grader, she won the runner-up placement at the State Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, with this impressive history of spelling mastery, Lucy Storz was more than ready to meet the challenges of the 2015 State Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, when Vermont's best young spellers met at St. Michael's College for the 2015 State Spelling Bee, they were asked to spell words that many adults have never encountered, and

Whereas, among the more unusual of the 43 words Lucy spelled correctly were caballero, gymkhana, ipecac, kibe, kuchen, panzer, poltergeist, raita, topeng, and virgule, and

Whereas, Lucy Storz outlasted all of the other contestants, and the judges declared her the 2015 Vermont State Spelling Bee champion, and

Whereas, after a half-dozen years of perseverance and keeping her mind set on a special goal, Lucy Storz took home her long-cherished prize, and

Whereas, Lucy Storz is now anticipating her participation in the 2015 National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lucinda Storz on winning the 2015 Vermont State Spelling Bee and wishes her every success in the forthcoming 2015 National Spelling Bee, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lucy Storz.