

No. R-480. House concurrent resolution congratulating Lucinda Storz on winning her second consecutive Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee championship.

(H.C.R.400)

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

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, Lucy Storz, a seventh grader at the Thaddeus Stevens School in Lyndon Center, has mastered the art of spelling as have none of her peers in the State, and

Whereas, in 2015, as a sixth grader, she won the Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee, outlasting her competitors through a record 43 rounds, and clinching the championship with a correct spelling of ipecac, a shrub or a drug derived from this plant, and

Whereas, as the 2015 State champion, Lucy Storz was honored to represent Vermont at the Scripps National Spelling Bee held in the Washington, D.C. area, and

Whereas, perseverance and Lucy Storz are synonymous, as in 2016 she represented the Thaddeus Stevens School at the Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee for the fifth time, and she has twice represented the Lyndon Town School, and

Whereas, her 2016 adventure deciphering spelling puzzles included encounters with 30 words, some commonly spoken and others hardly known beyond a specialized audience, and

Whereas, musical words included adagio and virtuoso, the human anatomy was considered when Lucy Storz correctly spelled autopsy, physique, and vivisection, and possible international intrigue came to mind if the words subterfuge and saboteur were considered in tandem, and

Whereas, she easily passed the tricky double consonant test with the words barrio, commensurate, odyssey, piazza, saffron, and tariff, and

Whereas, Lucy Storz's 2016 victory was assured when she provided the right letters in the proper sequence for the word mercerize, a treatment that gives fabric a shiny and silky appearance, and

Whereas, as the 2016 Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee winner, Lucy Storz will again participate in the National Scripps Spelling Bee where she will compete against the nation's best student spellers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lucinda Storz on winning her second consecutive Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee championship, and be it further

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