

**No. R-223. House concurrent resolution congratulating Lucinda Storz of Kirby on winning her third consecutive Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee championship.**

(H.C.R.184)

Offered by: Representatives Quimby of Concord, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Lawrence of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford, Toll of Danville, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the Barre-Montpelier Times Argus/Rutland Herald, Fairpoint Communications, and the Vermont Humanities Council sponsor and the Vermont Principals' Association facilitates the annual Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, Lucy Storz of Kirby, an eighth grader at the Thaddeus Stevens School in Lyndon Center, is undoubtedly Vermont's most accomplished middle school speller, and

Whereas, this conscientious and dedicated student is passionate in her quest to master the spelling of words both familiar and rarely spoken, and

Whereas, in pursuit of this endeavor that has broadened the scope of her lexicological knowledge, Lucy Storz has won her school's annual spelling bee every year since first grade, and

Whereas, in more recent years, Lucy Storz has set her sights beyond her own school's contest with championship appearances at the 2015 and 2016 Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, as an eighth grader in 2017, Lucy Storz was excited to compete for her final year of eligibility in this challenging competition, and

Whereas, after securing the Thaddeus Stevens's spelling bee's title, she began her intensive review of a 1,000-word list used to prepare for the Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee conducted at St. Michael's College, and

Whereas, once again, Lucy Storz persevered as she outspelled the other student participants through 28 grueling rounds, winning on the correct spelling of tsunami and having spelled geranium and wainscot along the way to clinching this impressive victory, and

Whereas, Lucy Storz's State success entitles her to represent Vermont at the Scripps National Spelling Bee to be held on May 31 and June 1 near Washington, D.C., and she eagerly anticipates this third opportunity to demonstrate her spelling prowess before a national audience, and

Whereas, although her older brother, Walker, won the championship once and her sister, Sammy, once placed second, Lucy is possibly the only Vermonter to earn first place honors on three occasions, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lucinda Storz of Kirby on winning her third consecutive Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee championship and extends best wishes for her appearance in the national event, and be it further

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