

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2017/90

Recognizing Kiara Chatman, Camila Morales-Jimenez and Wesley Little for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2017 Competition.

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County are pleased to extend congratulations to Kiara Chatman, Camila Morales-Jimenez and Wesley Little for placing first, second, and third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2017 Competition; and

WHEREAS, Kiara Chatman, a senior at Deer Valley High in Antioch, was awarded First Place, Camila Morales-Jimenez, a senior from El Cerrito High in El Cerrito, was awarded Second Place, and Wesley Little, a sophomore from Monte Vista High in Danville, was awarded Third Place in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” Competition on February 11, 2017, a competition which emphasizes language skills and public speaking; and

WHEREAS, over 2,500 students countywide memorized a poem for this year’s program, a program started by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and run by the California Arts Council in the State and locally by the Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County (AC5), to engage high school students in the presentation of poetry through memorization and performance; and

WHEREAS, this is Contra Costa County’s tenth year participating in the “Poetry Out Loud” competition; and

WHEREAS, students performed their recitations in front of an audience of over one hundred at the Las Lomas High School Theatre in Walnut Creek; and

WHEREAS, the pool of finalists included students from eleven county high schools, including: College Park High in Pleasant Hill, Deer Valley High in Antioch, El Cerrito High in El Cerrito, Independence High in Brentwood, Las Lomas High in Walnut Creek, Monte Vista High in Danville, Northgate High in Walnut Creek, Pinole Valley High in Pinole, Truthtrackers Co-Op in Walnut Creek, Making Waves Academy in Richmond and Salesian College Preparatory in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chatman, Ms. Morales-Jimenez, and Mr. Little gave extraordinary recitations along with a very competitive group of finalists; and

WHEREAS, the “Poetry Out Loud” program seeks to foster the next generation of literary readers by recognizing the latest trends in poetry: recitation and performance; and

WHEREAS, to excel as Ms. Chatman, Ms. Morales-Jimenez, and Mr. Little have done, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm and hard work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Kiara Chatman, Camila Morales-Jimenez and Wesley Little for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2017 Competition and extend this expression of our pride in their accomplishments.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair, District V Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

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District IV Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 14, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy