

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2018/46

Recognizing Gwen Stevens, Emma Lubinger, and Katelyn Downing for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2018 Competition.

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County are pleased to extend congratulations to Gwen Stevens, Emma Lubinger and Katelyn Downing for placing first, second, and third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2018 Competition; and

WHEREAS, Gwen Stevens, a junior at Independence High in Brentwood, was awarded First Place, Emma Lubinger, a junior at Pinole Valley High in Pinole, was awarded Second Place, and Katelyn Downing, a junior at College Park High in Pleasant Hill, was awarded Third Place in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” Competition on February 10, 2018, a competition which emphasizes language skills and public speaking; and

WHEREAS, over 2,000 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 eleventh 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 Campbell Theater in Martinez; and

WHEREAS, the pool of finalists included students from ten county high schools, including: Antioch High in Antioch, College Park High in Pleasant Hill, Deer Valley High in Antioch, El Cerrito High in El Cerrito, Independence High in Brentwood, John F. Kennedy High in Richmond, Las Lomas High in Walnut Creek, Monte Vista High in Danville, Mt. McKinley High in Martinez, and Pinole Valley High in Pinole; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stevens, Ms. Lubinger, and Ms. Downing 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. Stevens, Ms. Lubinger, and Ms. Downing 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 of Contra Costa County, California does hereby recognize Gwen Stevens, Emma Lubinger and Katelyn Downing for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2018 Competition and extend this expression of our pride in their accomplishments.

KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS
District III Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V 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: February 27, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy

