

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2019/39

Recognizing Grace Gilroy, John Higgins, and Wesley Little for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2019 Competition.

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County are pleased to extend congratulations to Grace Gilroy, John Higgins, and Wesley Little for placing first, second, and third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2019 Competition; and

WHEREAS, Grace Gilroy, a junior at San Ramon Valley High in Danville, was awarded First Place, John Higgins, a senior at Prospects High in Antioch, was awarded Second Place, and Wesley Little, a senior at Monte Vista High in Danville, was awarded Third Place in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” Competition on February 9, 2019, a competition which emphasizes language skills and public speaking; and

WHEREAS, over 3,000 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 twelfth 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 thirteen county high schools, including: College Park High in Pleasant Hill, Deer Valley High in Antioch, El Cerrito High in El Cerrito, Freedom High in Oakley, Independence High in Brentwood, John Henry High in Richmond, Kennedy High in Richmond, Las Lomas High in Walnut Creek, Monte Vista High in Danville, Pinole Valley High in Pinole, Prospects High in Antioch, Salesian College Preparatory in Richmond, and San Ramon Valley High in Danville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gilroy, Mr. Higgins, 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. Gilroy, Mr. Higgins, 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 of Contra Costa County, California does hereby recognize Grace Gilroy, John Higgins, and Wesley Little for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2019 Competition and extend this expression of pride in their accomplishments.

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Chair, District I Supervisor

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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 26, 2019

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy