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# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing Joshua Herman, Christine Osiuhwu and Amata Abatcha for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County "Poetry Out Loud" 2013 Competition Resolution No. 2013/110

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County is pleased to extend congratulations to Joshua Herman, Christine Osiuhwu and Amata Abatcha for placing first, second and third in the Contra Costa County "Poetry Out Loud" 2013 Competition; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Herman, a senior from Monte Vista High School in Danville, was awarded First Place, Christine Osiuhwu, a senior from Deer Valley High School in Antioch, was awarded Second Place, and Amata Abatcha, a sophomore from Independence High School in Brentwood, was awarded Third Place in the Contra Costa County "Poetry Out Loud" competition on February 9, 2013, 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 & Culture commission of Contra Costa County (ACC), to engage high school students in the presentation of poetry through memorization and performance; and

WHEREAS, this is Contra Costa's sixth year participating in the Poetry Out Loud competition; and

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

WHEREAS, the pool of finalists included students from nine county high schools, including: College Park High School in Pleasant Hill; Deer Valley High School in Antioch; Independence High School in Brentwood; Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek; Monte vista High School in Danville; Mt. Diablo High School in Concord; and Making Waves Academy, Richmond High School and Salesian High School, all in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herman, Ms. Osiuhwu and Ms. Abatcha gave extraordinary recitations along with a very competitive pool 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

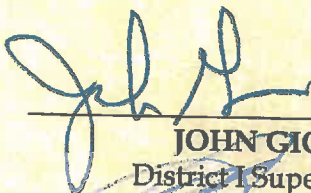
WHEREAS, to excel as Mr. Herman, Ms. Osiuhwu and Ms. Abatcha have done, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm and hard work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California does hereby recognize Joshua Herman, Christine Osiuhwu and Amata Abatcha for placing First, Second and Third in the Contra Costa County "Poetry Out Loud" 2013 competition and extend this expression of our pride in your accomplishments.

*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.*



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District V Supervisor



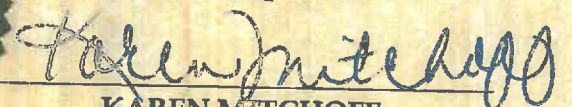
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