

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing Victoria Baca, Carlos Leal and Natalie Hill for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County "Poetry Out Loud" 2014 Competition

Resolution No. 2014/56

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County are pleased to extend congratulations to Victoria Baca, Carlos Leal and Natalie Hill for placing first, second, and third in the Contra Costa County "Poetry Out Loud" 2014 Competition; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Baca, a junior from Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek, was awarded First Place, Carlos Leal, a junior from Richmond High in Richmond, was awarded Second Place, and Natalie Hill, a junior from College Park High School in Pleasant Hill, was awarded Third Place in the Contra Costa County "Poetry Out Loud" Competition on February 8, 2014, 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 seventh year participating in the "Poetry Out Loud" competition; and

WHEREAS, students performed their recitations in front of an audience of 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, Mt. Diablo High in Concord, Northgate High in Walnut Creek and Making Waves Academy, Richmond High and Salesian High, all in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baca, Mr. Leal, and Ms. Hill 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

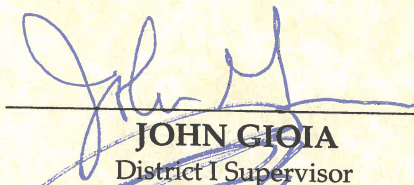
WHEREAS, to excel as Ms. Baca, Mr. Leal, and Ms. Hill have done, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm and hard work.

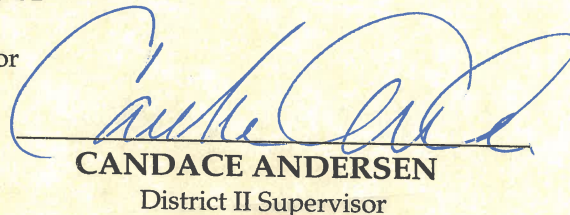
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize Victoria Baca, Carlos Leal and Natalie Hill for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County "Poetry Out Loud" 2014 Competition and extend this expression of our pride in your accomplishments.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 25th day of February, 2014.


KAREN MITCHOFF

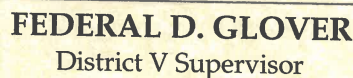
Chair,
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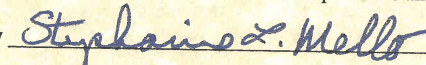

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V Supervisor



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 25, 2014

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  Deputy