

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 134

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, Lincoln Essay Competition Winners

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Christie of Hartford, Goodwin of Weston, Grad of Moretown, Krowinski of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Vowinkel of Hartford, Wilson of Manchester, and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home in Manchester, sponsors an annual essay contest for eighth grade students, focusing on an important issue of the day, and

Whereas, the question for the 2013 contest was “Is civil discourse necessary for civil society? Sometimes? Always? Never? Support your position,” and

Whereas, 145 students, representing 30 Vermont schools, submitted essays of fewer than 500 words, and the judges had a challenging task selecting honorees, and

Whereas, first place, with a \$1,000.00 prize, was awarded to Isaac Dodson (Edmunds Middle School in Burlington), with faculty support from Kathy Gallagher and librarian Carole Renca, who worked with each Edmunds School winner, and

Whereas, the second-place winner, with a \$750.00 prize, was Sarah Mangiacotti (Stratton Mountain School and Maple Street School in Manchester Center), with faculty support from Matthew Smith and Alex Lehmann at Stratton Mountain, and Mary Mangiacotti at Maple Street, and

Whereas, the tied third-place prize recipients, with a \$500.00 prize awarded to each student, were James Reilly (Maple Street School), with faculty support from Mary Mangiacotti, and Rebecca Berlind (Edmunds Middle School), with faculty support from Richard Boyers, and

Whereas, honorable mention winners, with a \$200.00 prize each, were Conor Joyce (Hartford Memorial Middle School), with faculty support from Jennifer Boeri-Boyce; Sabrina Amorocho Laing (Edmunds Middle School), with faculty support from Stephen Boyle; Anneka Williams (Harwood Union Middle/High School in Moretown), with faculty support from Sarah Ibson; and Maya Homziak (Edmunds Middle School), with faculty support from Stephen Boyle, and

Whereas, these outstanding young writers will receive their awards on May 19 at a luncheon at Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, for writers, parents, teachers, and principals, at which the top three winners will read their essays aloud, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, Lincoln Essay Competition Winners, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the students honored in this resolution and to Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home.