

No. R-221. House concurrent resolution congratulating Katherine LeVine on her dual literary contest first-place awards.

(H.C.R.182)

Offered by: Representative Sullivan of Dorset

Whereas, Kate LeVine is a talented middle school student, whose love of reading and writing is creatively combined, and

Whereas, during the 2017–2018 academic year, as a sixth grader attending Halifax School, she entered the Rudyard Kipling Young Writers Award contest, and

Whereas, this unique writing competition is open to fourth, fifth, and sixth graders in Windham County who are instructed “to write a story inspired by Rudyard Kipling’s *Just So Stories*,” which the famous British author wrote at Naulakha, his 1890s Dummerston residence, and

Whereas, at a surprise ceremony held in Brattleboro’s Latchis Theatre, Kate LeVine was honored as the contest’s Grand Prize winner, and

Whereas, in the current school year, Kate LeVine, now a seventh grader at The Dorset School, entered the Letters About Literature contest, a project of the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, and

Whereas, students in grades four through 12 from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories are eligible, and Kate LeVine competed in the grades seven and eight level-two division, and

Whereas, the contest directs students to write a letter to the author of a literary work that “creates a conversation with the author in which the student expresses thoughts, feelings, and/or ideas inspired by the author’s writing,” and

Whereas, the contestants initially compete at the state level, and the Center for the Book then judges the state honorees and selects national winners, and

Whereas, Kate LeVine wrote her letter to Jerry Spinelli, the author of the *New York Times* bestseller and multiple award-winning young adult novel *Stargirl*, and

Whereas, her eloquent and well-crafted letter was judged the best Vermont level-two entry, and she will be honored at a State House ceremony on May 31, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Katherine LeVine on her dual literary contest first-place awards and extends best wishes for her entry in the 2019 Letters About Literature national competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kate LeVine.