

No. R-422. House concurrent resolution congratulating Craftsbury Academy student Mael Le Scouezec on winning the 2010 Vermont State Individual Spelling Bee.

(H.C.R.306)

Offered by: Representatives Rodgers of Glover and Morley of Barton

Whereas, correct spelling is far more than a mere academic exercise as it serves as the foundation for written communication, and

Whereas, the English language is filled with many grammatical and spelling principles that are matched with perhaps an equal number of specific exceptions, and

Whereas, these contradictions in the order of the letters that form a word make mastery of English language spelling at times a challenging enterprise, and

Whereas, as an incentive to encourage middle school students to pay close attention to the order of letters in words, the Vermont Principals' Association, the Vermont Department of Education, the Vermont Humanities Council, and the *Burlington Free Press* jointly sponsored the 2010 Vermont State Individual Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, 46 students from across the state gathered in Montpelier to display their spelling abilities, and

Whereas, when all the day's words had been spelled correctly or incorrectly, the last student to spell a word correctly, and the winner of the 2010 Vermont State Individual Spelling Bee, was Mael Le Scouezec, a seventh grader at Craftsbury Academy, and

Whereas, the last word he spelled correctly was “ornithoscopy” which means bird watching, and

Whereas, in addition to a trophy and a Net Book computer, Mael Le Scouezec won an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. where he will participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, the teachers at Craftsbury Academy can take great pride in Mael Le Scouezec’s achievement and their contribution to his spelling bee victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Mael Le Scouezec on winning the 2010 Vermont State Individual Spelling Bee, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mael Le Scouezec at Craftsbury Academy.