

No. R-481. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rochester School winners of the 2012 Vermont aviation art contest.

(H.C.R.369)

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Whereas, the International Aviation Art Contest annually invites students ages six through 18 from around the world to submit their personal artwork for the competition, and

Whereas, the theme of the 2012 competition was *Silent Flight*, and

Whereas, in the United States, the contest's sponsors include the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Coalition for Aviation and Space Education, and additional national and state sponsors, and

Whereas, the U.S. contestants begin their participation by entering one of the state contests, including Vermont, and

Whereas, there are three categories of competitors: Group I - junior (born between 1/1/02–12/31/05), Group II - intermediate (born between 1/1/98–12/31/01), and Group III - senior (born between 1/1/94–12/31/97), and

Whereas, over 150 students from 22 Vermont schools submitted pictures for this year's Vermont state contest, and

Whereas, despite the large number of students and schools submitting entries, all six of the junior and intermediate categories' Vermont winners were from the small Rochester School which is a tribute to the school's outstanding art teacher, Cynthia McPhetres, and

Whereas, according to *The Herald of Randolph* news story, the art teacher explained at an awards ceremony that all the students who entered the contest had been challenged to create artwork showing what they imagined it would be like to be up in the air without any sound, and

Whereas, Sandra Bolger from the Vermont Flight Academy presented the awards to the six Rochester School students, and

Whereas, the three Group I - junior winners were Eve Huntington, Chase Christiansen, and Bella Snow who were respectively recognized as the first, second, and third-place winners, and

Whereas, the Group II - intermediate winners in first, second, and third-place order were Brianna Hillier, Tony Burke, and Garvi Jesso-White, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rochester School student winners of the 2012 Vermont aviation art contest, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the honorees and to the Rochester School.