

No. R-232. Senate concurrent resolution recognizing the establishment of the Coolidge Scholars Program and congratulating the first class of Coolidge Scholars.

(S.C.R.14)

By Senators Nitka, Clarkson, and McCormack,
By Representative Kimbell of Woodstock

Whereas, the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation of Plymouth Notch (the Foundation) has established the Coolidge Scholars Program that seeks students who excel in academics, express an interest in public policy and Coolidge values, and display humility and leadership, and

Whereas, for the first class of scholars, the Foundation awarded three scholarships, financing all aspects of the recipients' four-year college education, and

Whereas, the initial call for applications attracted 12,500 responses, 2,360 students completed the full application process of whom 223 were their class valedictorians, 22 percent ranked in the top one percent of their class, and 100 semifinalists, known as Coolidge Senators, were selected, and

Whereas, the final decisions were challenging for the judging panel that Dr. Bruce Cole, a former National Endowment for the Humanities chair, headed, and

Whereas, the Foundation aspires eventually to welcome 20 new scholars for every academic year, and the scholars will participate in a summer orientation at Plymouth Notch and other educational seminars as members of the Coolidge Scholars Leadership Program, as well as serving as advisors in the Foundation's student debate program, and

Whereas, the three first recipients of Coolidge Scholarships are Regan Brady (Hathaway Brown School in Shaker Heights, Ohio) who, despite being born with a severe hearing disability, has a record of laudable scholastic and extracurricular achievements, including designation as an AP scholar and engaging in many civic and fundraising activities focused on children with auditory impairments and other physical disabilities; Joshua Moriarty (Hunter College High School in New York City) who has won prestigious debate tournaments and major academic awards, co-edits the school's newspaper, is a member of his school's student senate, and volunteers with an organization serving the elderly; and Samuel Reddick (Evangelical Christian School in Cordova, Tennessee) who is a top Latin scholar, a National Scrabble Championship participant, an accomplished French horn player, a superb school and community soccer player, and a volunteer at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the establishment of the Coolidge Scholars Program and congratulates the first class of Coolidge Scholars, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation and to each Coolidge Scholar honored in this resolution.