



Legislation Text

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To: Mayor and City Council
City Administrator

From: Teresa Jensen, Director of Library & IT Services

Presentation Recognizing Isabella Callery for top honors at the Poetry Out Loud National Finals, May 1, 2019.

Action Requested:

There will be a brief presentation recognizing Isabella Callery's 1st place honors at the Poetry Out Loud National Finals.

Summary Report:

Arcadia Charter School senior Isabella Callery won the MN state Poetry Out Loud competition on March 7 at the Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis. She advanced to the national competition, held in Washington DC on April 30-May 1, and was among the 53 state champions competing in the National Finals. Isabella earned top honors, reciting poems by Joy Harjo, Natalie Diaz and Charles Lamb, earning a \$20,000 award. Isabella has competed at the state level for Poetry Out Loud since her freshman year of high school, but this was her first appearance at the National Finals. Poetry Out Loud, now in its 14th year, is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.

Council Recognition of Citizens/Groups/Events

Proclamations will be in the form of a resolution and submitted to the council for consideration and approval. Individual Council Members may recognize citizens or groups during the presentations portion of the Council agenda.

Alternative Options:

None

Financial Impacts:

None

Tentative Timelines:

None