

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS “NATIONAL POETRY MONTH” IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AND RECOGNIZING ORCUTT ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN “POETRY OUT LOUD”

WHEREAS, the Academy of American Poets has designated April as National Poetry Month to highlight the extraordinary achievements and ongoing legacy of American Poets and increase the accessibility of self-expression in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Competition program, through a partnership with the California Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts and National Poetry Foundation, helps local high school students master public speaking, build self-confidence, and explore their literary heritage; and

WHEREAS, students from Laguna Blanca, Orcutt Academy, and Ernest Righetti high schools participated in schoolwide events, culminating in the Santa Barbara County Poetry Out Loud Competition; and

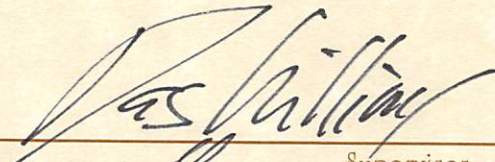
WHEREAS, Orcutt Academy High School student Janelle Zubiato was awarded the Regional Championship with the poem *Blade, Unplugged*. Miranda Mejia, also of Orcutt Academy, was recognized as the first Runner Up, reciting the poem *Oranges*. Both students demonstrated exceptional composure, articulation and mastery of the spoken word.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that April be proclaimed as National Poetry Month in Santa Barbara County, and residents are encouraged to participate in the free public poetry programs offered by numerous institutions and organizations; and

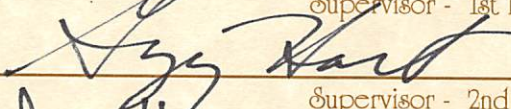
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AND HEREBY ORDERED, that this Board of Supervisors congratulates Orcutt Academy High School, their faculty and students for exceptional efforts and accomplishments in the advancement of poetry.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 21st day of April 2020, by unanimous vote of all members present.

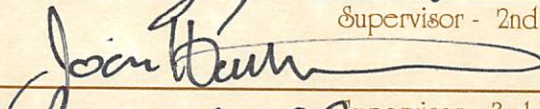





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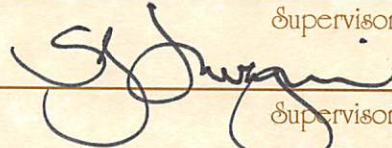
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Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST: 
Clerk of the Board