

2013 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149

Commending Casey O'Neil.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2013

WHEREAS, Casey O'Neil, a junior at Lafayette High School in Williamsburg, won the Virginia Theatre Association 2012 Secondary School Division High School New Play competition with her original work, "A Push and a Shove"; and

WHEREAS, Casey O'Neil has been involved in theatre since sixth grade, performing on stage and working diligently backstage; and

WHEREAS, following her passion for writing, Casey O'Neil enrolled in an upper level theatre class and wrote her first play during her freshman year of high school; and

WHEREAS, having already written several plays by her junior year, Casey O'Neil was encouraged to enter the Virginia Theatre Association (VTA) competition by the Lafayette High School theatre director; and

WHEREAS, with only one week before the submission deadline, Casey O'Neil began work on her new play; competition rules stipulated that the submission be a one-act play longer than 22 pages that had never been produced; and

WHEREAS, Casey O'Neil based "A Push and a Shove" on research she had done on the 1999 Columbine High School shooting; and

WHEREAS, Casey O'Neil's sophisticated writing style and subject matter led her to first place over students from 20 other schools; and

WHEREAS, Casey O'Neil's victory was announced at the 2012 VTA conference; she earned a bid to compete at the National Theatre Conference and intends to defend her VTA title in the 2013 competition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Casey O'Neil hereby be commended for winning the Virginia Theatre Association 2012 Secondary School Division High School New Play competition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Casey O'Neil as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her skill as a playwright and best wishes for the future.

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