

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 297 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY V. BROWN, WATERS, BROWNLEE, YOUNGBLOOD, PARKER,
THOMAS, CALTAGIRONE, FABRIZIO, HENNESSEY, KORTZ, MILLARD,
MIRABITO, SWANGER, MANN AND PAYTON, MAY 23, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 23,
2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending distinguished Mastery Charter School orators.

2 WHEREAS, On February 25, 2011, Mastery Charter School's
3 Shoemaker Campus in Philadelphia conducted its 1st annual Black
4 History Month Oratorical Contest; and

5 WHEREAS, In the weeks leading up to the event, students
6 delivered competitive speeches on themes relating to success,
7 black-on-black crime and community; and

8 WHEREAS, Contest finalists were: Briana Lewis, 7th grade;
9 Rashima Pierce, 8th grade; Brenea Mitchell, 9th grade; Morghan
10 Wearing-Gooden, 10th grade; Elizabeth Olanrewaju, 11th grade;
11 and Michael Savior, 12th grade; and

12 WHEREAS, First place winners were: Vanessa Morris, 7th grade;
13 Kayla Williams, 8th grade; Lakita Williams, 9th grade; Devon
14 Walker, 10th grade; Haru'n Jones, 11th grade; and Jolyessa
15 Lewis, 12th grade; and

16 WHEREAS, The contest was judged by Senator Vincent Hughes,

1 Philadelphia Deputy Mayor of Public Safety Everett Gillison,
2 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr.,
3 Philadelphia Municipal Court Judge Charles Hayden, then-Eagles
4 executive Pamela Browner-White and Dr. Ala Stanford-Frey of
5 Abington Memorial Hospital; and

6 WHEREAS, Mastery Charter Schools, the nonprofit charter
7 operator, has partnered with the School District of Philadelphia
8 since 2001 to transform certain underperforming schools while
9 promoting the highest standards of student achievement and
10 readiness for higher education; and

11 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives is pleased to recognize
12 those students who were leading orators in Mastery's 1st annual
13 Black History Month Oratorical Contest; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend
15 distinguished Mastery Charter School orators.