

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts upon winning first place in the first annual *Louder Than A Bomb* spoken word contest.

RESOLUTION NO. 18530, May 19, 2014

INTRODUCED BY Crystal Williams, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts, a high school in the Kansas City Public School district, placed first on March 29, 2014, in the *Louder Than A Bomb* youth poetry festival and competition, held at the Gem Theater in Kansas City, Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, the *Louder Than A Bomb* competition started in Chicago, IL in 2001 and is considered one of the largest youth poetry festivals; and,

WHEREAS, the competition, named after a Public Enemy song, is designed to bring a diverse demographic of teenagers together, who might not otherwise hear each other's stories; and,

WHEREAS, Paseo Academy students Unique Hughley, Alton Herron, MonCherie Mack, Tainn Holman, and Phoebe McCarty were led by their coach and creative writing teacher, Chris Odam; and,

WHEREAS, Unique Hughley was the only performer to receive a perfect score, earning

the competitions' Spirit of the Slam award; and,

WHEREAS, this year is the first for the metropolitan area's participation in the *Louder Than A Bomb* competition, which involves students performing original poems before an audience and a team of expert judges; and,

WHEREAS, Paseo Academy beat out teams from Lincoln College Preparatory Academy, Shawnee Mission Northwest, and Shawnee Mission West high schools; and,

WHEREAS, the Paseo Academy team will now participate in the national competition to be held July 16 – 20, 2014, in Philadelphia; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature congratulates the Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts upon its impressive finish in the *Louder Than A Bomb* competition.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Senior Deputy County Counselor



County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18530 of May 19, 2014, was duly passed on May 19, 2014 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

5.19.14
Date



Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature