

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 39

Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

WHEREAS, Amanda Gorman of Los Angeles, California, became the first Los Angeles Youth Poet Laureate in 2014 and the first National Youth Poet Laureate of the United States in 2017; and

WHEREAS, she is the youngest known poet to present at a presidential inauguration; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Gorman recited her original poem, "The Hill We Climb", at the fifty-ninth presidential inauguration on January 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, her poem is a call for unity and reconciliation in the American public; and

WHEREAS, she derived inspiration for her poem after studying great American leaders, including Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, she overcame a speech impediment to become a performing poet laureate and orator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature congratulates Amanda Gorman for overcoming many challenges, achieving historic success, and presenting her poetry at the inauguration of the forty-sixth President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

2. That a copy of this resolution be delivered to Amanda Gorman.