

family for years and, as Senator Withem said, this is his second consecutive win in the geographical contest. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President and members of the body, I just am also thankful for being able to sign on this resolution. It honors these three young people from Nebraska as well as the other, the rest of the hundred that came to participate in the Geography Bee. It's a special privilege for me because one of the finalists or the third place finisher was from my district, Julia Joy Anson, and I'm glad that we're able to do these things. I think so many times we honor the athletic activities of people and have forgotten about the academic accomplishments. This year I think we've done a great deal to restoring the academic accomplishments in honoring them. So I just am glad to be able to sign on this resolution and vote for it and I urge you to do the same thing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I also rise to thank Senator Withem for introducing this resolution and I'm happy to sign the resolution. I'm absolutely overwhelmed at Jesse Whidden, my little fourth grader from St. Edward finished second in this contest. He competed with eighth graders and others and finished second in the state and I'm very proud of him. I'm proud of the geographic contests that we have and I envy Senator Withem for being able to moderate it. I wish that I had been there to watch it. Geography was my favorite subject when I was in grade school. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Does anyone else wish to address this resolution? Seeing none, we will now vote on the motion to adopt LR 437. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of LR 437.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LR 437 is adopted. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Schellpeper are 24 fourth graders from Stanton Elementary in Stanton, Nebraska and their