

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2214

Subject Oratorical Digital Presentations

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, The purpose of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, “A Constitutional Speech Contest” is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States, develop leadership qualities and communication skills and to prepare high school students for the acceptance of the responsibilities of American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, “A Constitutional Speech Contest” has been a national youth activity of The American Legion since 1938; and

WHEREAS, Digital software presentations are now at the heart of every education, business, and work process; and

WHEREAS, Requiring use of a digital presentation software presentation as part of the prepared oration would incorporate contemporary communication skills, enhance learning, and improve digital citizenship skills; and

WHEREAS, Digital presentation software teaches students more responsibility and improves decision-making skills; and

WHEREAS, The learning experience would be transformed; and

WHEREAS, Digital presentations would expedite transmission at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Digital presentation transmission would offer greater administrative control and reduce administrative costs associated with conducting the contest; and

WHEREAS, This resolution would pertain to the 8–10-minute prepared oration, not the assigned topic discourse; and

WHEREAS, The oration itself would not be permitted in the digital presentation; and

WHEREAS, The responsibility for the equipment required to display the presentation would fall upon all levels; and

WHEREAS, The task of administering the national oratorical competition is the responsibility of the Americanism and Children & Youth Division staff in Indianapolis, Indiana; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Department of New York in Convention July 14th-16th, 2022, in Binghamton, New York, that the contest rules at all levels of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – “A Constitutional Speech Contest” be a speech that includes a digital software presentation using digital technology during the prepared oration; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That if approved this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization for consideration at the National Convention, August 26th- September 1st, 2022 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

American Legion Department of New York

FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Approved with Amendments _____

Consolidated with _____

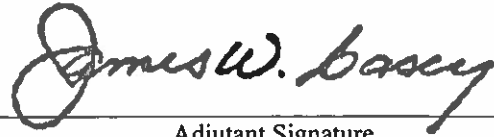
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Confusing resolution sent to Oratorical Committee

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Other Action:

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(Chairman)



Adjutant Signature

Department Adjutant

Title

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R. Michael Suter, Chairman

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Department Resolutions Committee

Title