



## Commendation

**WHEREAS,** We are here today to recognize two different groups from Mendive Middle School who recently won first place in the Northern Nevada History Day competition. History Day is a national program that engages students in the process of historical thinking. For this project, students researched a historical topic of their choice, analyzed primary and secondary sources, and put together all of this information into a final project. They now have the opportunity to represent the state of Nevada at the National competition in Washington D.C.; and

**WHEREAS,** At National History Day, over 3,000 students from around the United States compete. This year's contest takes place from June 14<sup>th</sup> - June 18<sup>th</sup> with competitors having the opportunity to stay in the dormitories at the University of Maryland. More information about History Day can be found at [www.nhd.org](http://www.nhd.org). This contest offers a once-in-a-lifetime experience for these students; and

**WHEREAS,** The first individual we would like to recognize is Mackenzie Zappe. Mackenzie has been with the magnet GT program for the past three years. In addition to taking accelerated classes she is also the chief editor for Mendive's yearbook, putting in multiple hours to ensure that Mendive's yearbook is phenomenal. Mackenzie is also a member of the Mendive soccer team. She is one of the most thoughtful and driven students on the magnet program. In the fall Mackenzie will be attending Reed High School for their Reed Enterprise Project academy where she will focus on engineering. For history day, Mackenzie took first place in Northern Nevada for her amazing website on the Triangle Shirtwaist factory fire; and

**WHEREAS,** We would like also like to congratulate Kenny Pucchi, Champ Robertson, and Annette Villanueva for their history day project about Snow White and the Great Depression. All three are 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Mendive Middle School. Annette is a dedicated student who is passionate about singing. In her two years at Mendive, Annette has an accumulative 3.97 grade point average. Kenny Pucchi is passionate about baseball and has potential to be a great leader. His sense of humor brings out the best in the people around him. Over the past two years, Champ Robertson has balanced playing baseball, basketball, and football with taking the most challenging courses Mendive offers. Not only has Champ successfully taken on these challenges, he has truly excelled while doing so, earning an accumulative 3.91 grade point average.

These three students spent countless hours researching, designing, and finally putting together this amazing exhibit. These students are looking for funding, and any assistance would be greatly appreciated. A donation page has been set up at <http://www.gofundme.com/prglqs>

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, join with the City Council in commending all of these students, and thank you for your dedication, integrity and hard work. Our community needs people like you.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

  
**GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk**

