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**American Legion names winner in speech contest**

**(Location of contest, hometown, etc.) (date)** — A **(hometown of the contest winner)** is the winner of the **(name of your contest**).

 **(Contestant’s name)** won the contest held at the **(name of the contest facility). (Contestant’s name**), a **(grade in school)**, earned **(type of award, dollar amount, etc.)** and will now compete at the **(county/district/state level)** against winners of contests in other communities**.**

 Each contestant delivered a prepared oration as well as an oration on a randomly assigned constitutional topic.  **(Contestant’s name)** impressed the judges with a speech titled **(title of the prepared oration**) and the way that **(Contestant’s name)** presented their speech.

 **(If your contest awards other winners list their names, year in school, hometown, etc.)**

 Since 1938, The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program has encouraged the nation’s high school students to study the U.S. Constitution and to hone their public speaking skills.

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