

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, McCade Smith and Tatum Neuwirth of Panhandle High  
2 School have distinguished themselves through their participation  
3 in the 2021 University Interscholastic League Cross-Examination  
4 Policy Debate State Meet; and

5           WHEREAS, The UIL state meet is one of the largest high school  
6 debate tournaments in the nation, and this year's event was held  
7 virtually; the league's longest-running contest, its origins trace  
8 back to 1910, when a small group of debate coaches met in Abilene to  
9 establish an interscholastic forensic program; since then, the  
10 competition has helped countless students develop skills in public  
11 speaking and debate; and

12           WHEREAS, Facing off against other top debate students from  
13 across Texas, McCade Smith and Tatum Neuwirth turned in a  
14 commendable performance at the state competition; led by instructor  
15 Sheryl Oliver, the pair previously won second place in the 2A  
16 cross-examination qualifiers to secure their spot at the state  
17 meet; and

18           WHEREAS, By earning the right to compete in the state's  
19 premier high school debate competition, these bright young Texans  
20 have ably represented their school and community, and the  
21 dedication they have demonstrated is sure to serve them well in the  
22 years ahead; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
24 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend McCade Smith and

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1 Tatum Neuwirth on their participation in the UIL Cross-Examination  
2 Policy Debate State Meet and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
3 the future; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mr. Smith and Ms. Neuwirth as an expression of high  
6 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 250 was adopted by the House on  
October 18, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House