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H.R. No. 1715

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The ITKAN Robotics team won two top awards at the
2 2023 FIRST Championship Robotics Competition held in Houston on
3 April 19 through 22, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, FIRST is a nonprofit organization that promotes
5 science, technology, engineering, and math education through a
6 number of team-based robotics programs; each year, the organization
7 holds a series of competitions culminating in the FIRST
8 Championship, which draws more than 600 teams from countries around
9 the world; and

10 WHEREAS, The ITKAN First Robotics Competition (FRC) Team
11 No. 9128 is composed of students from the Muslim American Society
12 of Dallas-Fort Worth, the Islamic School of Irving, the East Plano
13 Islamic Center, and the Valley Ranch Islamic Center; after earning
14 awards at district and state events, the team advanced to the
15 international competition, where they received the Rookie All Star
16 Award, which recognizes a young but strong partnership effort, and
17 the Championship Division Highest Rookie Seed Award, which
18 celebrates the highest-seeded rookie team at the end of the
19 qualifying rounds; and

20 WHEREAS, The first all-Muslim team, ITKAN Robotics FRC
21 No. 9128 further distinguished itself during the event, which took
22 place during the last two days of Ramadan, by inviting everyone in
23 attendance to join in Eid al-Fitr prayers, share breakfast, and
24 receive Eid goodie bags; throughout the competition season, the

1 group has benefited from the able guidance of Dr. Mohamed Ebeida,
2 founder of ITKAN Institute of Technology, which seeks to provide
3 STEM-focused education to underrepresented and underserved youth;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The members of ITKAN Robotics have demonstrated
6 tremendous skill, initiative, and dedication, and they may take
7 great pride in their exceptional performance at the FIRST
8 championship; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate ITKAN Robotics FRC No. 9128 on
11 winning two top awards at the FIRST Championship Robotics
12 Competition and extend to the team's members sincere best wishes
13 for continued success in all their endeavors; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.