

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The members of the Panhandle High School debate team  
2 distinguished themselves through their participation in the 2022  
3 University Interscholastic League Cross-Examination Debate State  
4 Meet; and

5           WHEREAS, One of the largest tournaments of its kind in the  
6 nation, the Cross-Examination Debate State Meet traces its origins  
7 date back to 1910, when a small group of debate coaches met in  
8 Abilene to establish an interscholastic forensic program; debate is  
9 UIL's longest-running contest, and the cross-examination  
10 competition has helped countless students develop their skills in  
11 public speaking; and

12           WHEREAS, Facing off against other top students from across  
13 Texas, the Panhandle High state meet participants included Andrew  
14 Menefee, Kelby Olson, Tatum Neuwirth, and McCade Smith; Mr. Olson  
15 and Mr. Menefee earned the bronze medal for Conference 2A, and both  
16 students also excelled in the Speaker Awards competition, with  
17 Mr. Olson placing first and receiving the Gold Gavel while  
18 Mr. Menefee finished fourth; throughout the year, the students  
19 benefited from the expert guidance of their sponsor, fine arts  
20 teacher Sheryl Oliver; and

21           WHEREAS, By earning the right to compete in the state's  
22 premier high school debate contest, these determined young Texans  
23 have ably represented their school and community, and the  
24 dedication they have demonstrated is sure to serve them well in the

1 years ahead; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby commend the Panhandle High School debate team  
4 for its performance in the 2022 UIL Cross-Examination Debate State  
5 Meet and extend to all those associated with the team sincere best  
6 wishes for the future; and, be it further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
9 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1951

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1951 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House