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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After winning the Academic Decathlon state
2 competition for the 12th consecutive year in February 2004, the
3 Friendswood High School Academic Decathlon team progressed to the
4 April national competition in Boise, Idaho, where it placed fifth
5 in its division and seventh among all 42 teams participating from
6 around the country; and

7 WHEREAS, The most prestigious high school academic team
8 competition in the United States, the Academic Decathlon was
9 founded on the precept that everyone's learning potential can be
10 maximized through competitive challenge; like the athletic
11 contest, the Academic Decathlon does not permit participants to
12 specialize but rather requires students to prepare for all 10
13 scholastic events, which include art, economics, essay, interview,
14 language and literature, mathematics, music, science, social
15 science, and speech; a program designed to include and encourage
16 all students, the decathlon calls for each competing high school to
17 enter a team of nine, consisting of three "A" or honor students,
18 three "B" or scholastic students, and three "C" or varsity
19 students; and

20 WHEREAS, Seven of the nine Friendswood High students who
21 competed nationally placed in the top three in at least one
22 category; the only holdover from last year's state champion team,
23 Andy Steinhauser, placed first in science, third in art, and third
24 in super quiz; the highest scoring student from Texas in the event,

1 Mr. Steinhauser received a \$500 scholarship for his efforts; and

2 WHEREAS, Robert Lockwood placed first in language and
3 literature and third in science and super quiz while Micah Fessler
4 garnered second-place honors in science and super quiz; Wil Ramsey
5 placed first in speech, Chris Smith placed second in math, and Trey
6 German placed second in economics while Alex Hoeg finished in third
7 place in economics; rounding out the outstanding team are Ryan
8 Rahman, David Sanders, and manager Allen Miller; and

9 WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of coaches Mary
10 Rinehart and Renae Simons, these exemplary young students have once
11 again brought well-deserved recognition to their school and their
12 community, and it is a pleasure to commend the team for its
13 long-standing tradition of academic excellence; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
16 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate the members of
17 the 2004 Friendswood High School Academic Decathlon team on its
18 excellent showing in the national competition and extend to them
19 sincere best wishes for continued success in the years to come; and,
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.