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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For the eighth consecutive year, students from  
2 Lindale High School are competing at the University Interscholastic  
3 League Cross-Examination Meet, and it is a pleasure to honor those  
4 students who have earned the right to participate in the 2002-2003  
5 event at The University of Texas at Austin; and

6           WHEREAS, Under the capable and sure-handed guidance of team  
7 sponsor Janice Caldwell, the Lindale High School debate team is  
8 once again represented at the UIL meet; this year's team includes  
9 first-place qualifiers Cassi Wilbur and Brittany Allen and  
10 second-place qualifiers Nathan Gaines and Lauren Dibby; and

11           WHEREAS, These exemplary students will match wits with their  
12 peers while debating the issue of public health services for mental  
13 health care in the United States; they have done exhaustive  
14 research on this topic and will employ their analytical and  
15 oratorical skills in an effort to best their fellow competitors and  
16 capture the coveted state championship; and

17           WHEREAS, Competitive debate fosters the development of  
18 research and analytical skills and problem-solving abilities;  
19 debate is a fundamental component of democratic societies, and  
20 competitions such as the Cross-Examination Meet promote the defense  
21 of worthy ideas and the attack of invalid or specious notions; and

22           WHEREAS, Lindale High School has been awarded exemplary  
23 school status by the Texas Education Agency, and these students are  
24 living proof of the exciting academic opportunities offered by this

1 noteworthy school; the students, faculty, and staff of Lindale High  
2 School can take pride in the knowledge that their school is well  
3 represented by these commendable students, whose academic  
4 accomplishments are indeed praiseworthy; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby commend Cassi Wilbur, Brittany Allen, Nathan  
7 Gaines, and Lauren Dibby, and their sponsor, Janice Caldwell, for  
8 their outstanding achievements in the field of competitive debate  
9 and extend to them best wishes for success in this year's meet; and,  
10 be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for these students and their sponsor as an expression of  
13 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.