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H.R. No. 956

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize the Friendswood High School Academic Decathlon team for
3 its 11th consecutive victory in the state championship competition
4 in March 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, The Academic Decathlon program provides high school
6 students an opportunity to experience the challenges of rigorous
7 academic competition through participation in team activities; the
8 schools are classified as either large, medium, or small, and each
9 nine-member team consists of three A students, three B students,
10 and three C students; and

11 WHEREAS, The Friendswood High School team competed in the
12 medium school category and won over \$20,800 in scholarship money
13 while receiving 47 medals in the competition that included tests on
14 academic strengths and communication ability; 11 straight wins at
15 the state level is quite an accomplishment and a reflection of the
16 school's emphasis on academic excellence; and

17 WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of coaches Mary
18 Rinehart and Renae Simons, team members Ben Babb, Cynthia Bowen,
19 Kyle Crawford, Nureen Haq, Troy Hedman, Payal Patel, Vanessa
20 Peters, Andy Steinhauser, Zach VanMeter, and manager Brandon Nowalk
21 excelled in their knowledge of art, economics, language and
22 literature, mathematics, music, social science, and oceanography;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, These exemplary young students are a source of

1 tremendous pride to their fellow students, the faculty, and their
2 parents, and their outstanding achievements are indeed worthy of
3 special legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend the Friendswood High School Academic
6 Decathlon team and congratulate the members for winning their 11th
7 consecutive state competition; and, be it further

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