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H.R. No. 163

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Florence FFA brought great pride to
2 their community with their exemplary performance at the 77th
3 National FFA Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky, in October
4 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, FFA is a national youth organization that makes a
6 positive difference in the lives of its nearly 500,000 student
7 members, who are preparing for careers in the science, business,
8 and technology of agriculture, by developing their potential for
9 leadership, personal growth, and career success through
10 agricultural education; the convention competitions encourage
11 achievement and excellence in scholarship and develop
12 interpersonal skills in teamwork and communication; and

13 WHEREAS, Florence students Caitlin Frederick and Amber
14 Krause earned a second national Agriscience Fair championship for
15 their hometown FFA with their outstanding project entitled,
16 "Organic Acid Wash: A Cleaner Beef"; the young women won first
17 place in their division in the Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food
18 Science category, receiving \$500 each in addition to the \$2,000
19 they secured at the state convention held in July; and

20 WHEREAS, Competing on the Florence Ag Communications team
21 were Joanna Hensley, Ray Skidmore, Katie Glover, and Kristin Wiehe;
22 securing third place, the group was awarded a gold emblem in
23 recognition of their "outstanding team" status, and, in addition,
24 Ms. Wiehe earned a \$900 college scholarship and Ms. Hensley

1 acquired a \$500 scholarship; and

2 WHEREAS, These outstanding students, with the help of their
3 families, teachers, coaches, and sponsors, have demonstrated an
4 exceptional capacity for commitment, determination, and hard work,
5 and their remarkable achievements serve as an inspiring example to
6 all young Texans; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the Florence FFA team on its
9 award-winning performance at the 77th National FFA Convention and
10 extend to its members sincere best wishes for success in all their
11 future endeavors; and, be it further

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