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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 2004-2005 Science Olympiad team from Park Crest
2 Middle School in Pflugerville has compiled a remarkable record,
3 qualifying for and competing in the national competition and
4 winning numerous awards throughout the year; and

5 WHEREAS, Emphasizing problem-solving, hands-on activities,
6 and cross-disciplinary learning, the Science Olympiad is designed
7 to make the study of science more exciting and to encourage more
8 students to pursue science-related careers; and

9 WHEREAS, To qualify for the team at Park Crest, where the
10 Science Olympiad is an extracurricular activity, students take an
11 exam that covers all areas of science and then tackle a timed
12 engineering challenge; the top students make the team and then
13 spend an average of four to seven hours a week practicing their
14 events with volunteer coaches; team members are required to
15 maintain an overall grade average of at least a B; and

16 WHEREAS, At the May 2005 national competition, held at the
17 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Park Crest students
18 matched wits against 59 other teams from across the country;
19 placing 19th overall, they finished ninth in the Robo-Billiards
20 event, eighth in Fossils, and fourth in Storm the Castle; and

21 WHEREAS, Earlier in the year, these outstanding students
22 dominated the Revere Invitational, where they won first place as a
23 team and took numerous medals in individual events; the regional
24 meet, where they placed first and, out of 15 events, took 12 gold

1 medals and 3 silver medals; and the state meet, where they again
2 claimed first place and became one of only two teams to advance to
3 the national contest; this trip marks the seventh time that Park
4 Crest students have represented Texas at the national level; and

5 WHEREAS, Aply guided by science teacher and head coach
6 Kathleen Negrito, the Park Crest team includes Mary Anker, Ashley
7 Bender, Will Fullerton, Katie Haney, Wesley Hejl, Anthony Laird,
8 Maggie Lapoint, Sarah Macomber, Sarah Margaretich, Vince
9 Margaretich, Adam Nations, LM Price, Alyssa Purcell, Jennifer
10 Purcell, Travis Scheffel, Alicia Stewart, Matt Stokes, Jacob
11 Townsend, Allison Varney, Troy Varney, and Kelly Wright; and

12 WHEREAS, Through exhaustive preparation and tremendous
13 dedication, the members of the Park Crest Science Olympiad team
14 have brought great credit to their school and their community, and
15 they have compiled a record of accomplishment that promises a
16 bright and fulfilling future; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the 2004-2005
19 Science Olympiad team of Park Crest Middle School on their stellar
20 achievements and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
21 success in all their endeavors; and, be it further

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