

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The mock trial team from Richardson High School
2 captured the 2007 state championship and went on to finish eighth at
3 the national championships; and

4 WHEREAS, The state championship is the third in the school's
5 history and the first for team coach Sara Hofeditz, a Richardson
6 High School alumna and former mock trial state champion; the team
7 from Richardson also won the state title in 2002, when Ms. Hofeditz
8 was a senior, and in 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, The mock trial competition pits teams made up of 12
10 students from grades 10 to 12 against one another in a courtroom
11 setting; the students prepare to act as both prosecution and
12 defense, not knowing which side of the case they will try until the
13 trial begins; and

14 WHEREAS, Junior Danny Weiner received one of 12 outstanding
15 advocate awards at the national competition; his fellow team
16 members included seniors Caitlin Barrett, Will Harpham, Kathryn
17 Palagonia, and Michael Sheetz; juniors Jordyn Anders, Elise Miller,
18 and Andrew Townsend; and sophomores Jessa DeGroote, Ilva Fejzulla,
19 Whitney Nwaogwugwu, and Victoria Varner; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to benefiting from the superior coaching
21 of Ms. Hofeditz, the team also received the support of attorney
22 advisor Chris Pochyla; and

23 WHEREAS, Excelling in competition requires commendable hard
24 work and commitment, and the members of the Richardson High School

1 mock trial team indeed merit special recognition for their
2 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Sara Hofeditz and the members of
5 the Richardson High School mock trial team on their state
6 championship and their success at the national competition and
7 extend best wishes to them for good fortune in all their future
8 endeavors; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2630

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2630 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House