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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud members of the Blanco High School speech and  
2 debate team won impressive victories at two University  
3 Interscholastic League academic tournaments in January 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, The Blanco debate team has won four state  
5 championships since 2000, as well as 15 district championships; its  
6 members have included three state champions in the Lincoln-Douglas  
7 Debate event, and many members have earned medals or reached the  
8 finals in a variety of other events; and

9 WHEREAS, The school's speech team has been AA State Runner-up  
10 in the Speech Team Sweepstakes three times, with three finishes in  
11 the top five; the team has also won a regional championship and 15  
12 district championships; and

13 WHEREAS, At the 2009 Hendrickson Hawk UIL Academic Tournament  
14 in Pflugerville on January 17, the Blanco team won several  
15 victories, including a first place win in persuasive speaking by  
16 Wes Stults and third place wins for Angelica Avila in both  
17 informative speaking and poetry interpretation; Hillary Tidwell  
18 and Jacob Troublefield took third place in CX Debate, and Sydni Kipp  
19 and Kristen Mancha placed seventh in CX Debate; and

20 WHEREAS, The following weekend, the team was also victorious  
21 at the 2009 Burnet High School Bulldog UIL Invitational, where  
22 Taylor Holden won first place in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate and  
23 Angelica Avila won first place in informative speaking and second  
24 in poetry interpretation; Ecce Bradfute took second in informative

1 speaking, Braxton Guinn placed sixth in informative speaking,  
2 Travis McClinton took third in poetry interpretation, and Chandler  
3 Ashley placed third in spelling; in addition, Briar Koehl and Allen  
4 Strandtman won third place in CX Debate, and Hillary Tidwell and  
5 Jacob Troublefield took sixth; and

6 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of coach Russell Kirkscey, the  
7 talented and hardworking students of Blanco's speech and debate  
8 team have repeatedly distinguished themselves at all levels of  
9 academic competition, and they may take great pride in the  
10 recognition they have earned through their skill and dedication;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the Blanco High  
14 School speech and debate team on their victories in 2009 and extend  
15 to these outstanding students sincere best wishes for continued  
16 success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
19 House of Representatives.