

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The mock trial team from Skyline High School in
2 Dallas won the 30th annual Texas High School Mock Trial Competition
3 over the weekend of March 7-8, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Established by the Dallas Bar Association in 1979 as
5 a citywide competition, the contest was expanded in 1980 to include
6 teams from around the state of Texas; more than 4,500 students from
7 over 200 Texas schools participate each year; and

8 WHEREAS, In this year's competition, 24 teams from public and
9 private schools around the state were selected to participate by
10 200 judges and attorneys from the Dallas area; each team of 7 to 10
11 students was presented with a case packet containing the
12 particulars of the trial and given two hours to try the case before
13 the judges; and

14 WHEREAS, The first team from Dallas to win the statewide
15 competition in 19 years, the Skyline team included Lauren Burgess,
16 Morgan Burgess, Countess Dudley, Marissa Escamilla, Allyson
17 LaFrance, Obed Manuel, Salvador Ortega, Cristian Perez, Diane
18 Rivas, and Courtney Sanders, as well as alternate members Cendy
19 Rodriguez, Susana Ayala, John Sanchez, and Maria Renteria; they
20 were ably supported by coaches Joe Wicker and Dr. Martha Williams,
21 and their victory in Dallas qualifies them to participate in the
22 national mock trial competition in Atlanta, Georgia, in May; and

23 WHEREAS, The continuing vitality of the legal profession in
24 Texas depends in large part on the enthusiasm of young people for

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1 the study of the law and the pursuit of justice, and the members of
2 the Skyline High School mock trial team may take great pride in
3 their talent, hard work, and passion for the law; now, therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the Skyline High
7 School mock trial team for winning the state championship at the
8 30th annual Texas High School Mock Trial Competition and extend to
9 them sincere best wishes for continued success and a bright future;
10 and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1300 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House