

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Andrew Cornish and Tyler Gregston of Hallsville High
2 School won top honors for Conference 4A of the 2009 University
3 Interscholastic League Cross-Examination Debate State Tournament
4 in Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, Debating the topic, "The United States federal
6 government should substantially increase alternative energy
7 incentives in the United States," these two dedicated young men won
8 the state championship in 8 rounds, with all 16 judges voting for
9 them; they received both the Gold Gavel and the Silver Gavel as the
10 top two speakers in the cross-examination debate; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Cornish and Mr. Gregston have served as
12 cross-examination debate captains for the past two years, and they
13 have been national qualifiers for two consecutive years in the
14 National Forensic League; in 2008, they were chosen by the UIL State
15 Speech and Debate director to serve on the UIL State Speech Honor
16 Crew; and

17 WHEREAS, Together they have won the Northeast Texas Debate
18 Association Tournament of Champions for two years in a row, and they
19 have won best speaker honors at the Northeast Texas Debate
20 Association and at UIL district and state competitions; they have
21 gone undefeated at National qualifier, UIL district, and UIL state
22 contests, without a single judge voting against them; and

23 WHEREAS, The son of Kevin and Joy Cornish, Andrew Cornish was
24 also the UIL regional champion in social studies in 2009,

1 qualifying him for the state contest; he is the president of the
2 Speech and Debate and Junior Historians clubs; and

3 WHEREAS, Tyler Gregston is the son of Steve and Jackie
4 Gregston; he represented Hallsville High School at Boys State and
5 the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp, and he serves as vice president of
6 the National Honor Society; and

7 WHEREAS, These two outstanding young Texans have
8 consistently worked hard and demonstrated tremendous skill in the
9 art of debate and public speaking, and they have brought great
10 distinction to themselves and to Hallsville High School; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Andrew Cornish and Tyler Gregston
14 for their victory at the UIL Cross-Examination Debate State
15 Tournament and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
16 success and a bright future; and, be it further

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

Hughes

H.R. No. 1876

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1876 was adopted by the House on May 7, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House