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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.