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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas MATHCOUNTS Team captured top honors at the
 2009 MATHCOUNTS National Competition, which took place in Orlando,
 Florida, on May 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, A national mathematics coaching and competition 4 5 program, MATHCOUNTS serves to promote interest in the career opportunities that are available in mathematics, engineering, 6 7 technology, and science; the program allows more than 500,000 students nationwide to become involved in coaching sessions at the 8 9 school level and to develop critical thinking skills and problem-solving techniques in algebra, computation, consumer math, 10 11 geometry, logic, statistics, and other fields; and

12 WHEREAS, The Texas team consisted of four exceptional 13 students, Yury Aglyamov from Kealing Middle School in Austin, 14 Steven Chen from Canyon Vista Middle School in Round Rock, and Bobby 15 Shen and Lilly Shen, both from First Colony Middle School in Sugar 16 Land; Bobby Shen also earned first place overall and became the 2009 17 National MATHCOUNTS Champion; and

WHEREAS, Serving as coach for the 2009 Texas team was math teacher Jeff Boyd of First Colony Middle School in Sugar Land; the 2009 victory marks the fourth national title in five years for the Lone Star State teams headed by Mr. Boyd, which makes him the most successful coach in MATHCOUNTS history; and

23 WHEREAS, These talented young Texans have each demonstrated 24 admirable commitment to the pursuit of excellence in mathematics

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1 through countless hours of hard work, and it is indeed a pleasure to 2 recognize them for their outstanding achievement; now, therefore, 3 be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas team on winning the 2009
MATHCOUNTS National Competition and extend to Mathletes Yury
Aglyamov, Steven Chen, Bobby Shen, and Lilly Shen, and Coach Jeff
Boyd sincere best wishes for continued success; 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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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2525 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House