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H.R. No. 801

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Plano Senior High School debate team has
2 advanced to the Elite 8 of the 2010-2011 International Public
3 Policy Forum, a competition that includes many of the best high
4 school teams in the world; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 340 schools entered the 2010-2011
6 tournament, which is sponsored by New York University and the law
7 firm of Bickel & Brewer and is billed as the only international
8 contest where high school students argue public policy in written
9 and oral forms; and

10 WHEREAS, For the first leg of the competition, teams
11 submitted an essay taking a position on the justification of the
12 NATO intervention in Afghanistan; Plano excelled at this test and
13 was one of the 32 schools to survive to the next round; competing
14 against their opponents via e-mail, the Wildcats have continued
15 their run and are one of eight remaining contenders who will take
16 part in the oral-debate phase of the tournament; and

17 WHEREAS, That matchup will take place in New York City in
18 April, where the students will vie for the title of world champion
19 and a grand prize of \$10,000; and

20 WHEREAS, The Plano Senior High School debate team has tested
21 its mettle against top-notch rivals from around the world and
22 proven itself a force with which to be reckoned, and these talented
23 and dedicated students may take justifiable pride in becoming one
24 of the Forum's Elite 8 teams; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate the Plano Senior High School debate
3 team on its success in the 2010-2011 International Public Policy
4 Forum and extend to its members sincere best wishes for success in
5 the final portion of the competition; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.