R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, The mock trial team from Americas High School in
2 El Paso took first place in the Region 19 Texas High School Mock
3 Trial Competition, held on February 1 and 2, 2013, marking the
4 school's fifth consecutive win in the event; and
5   WHEREAS, This year's contest included teams from numerous
6 El Paso-area schools, each of which argued a hypothetical civil
7 case before judges and lawyers at the El Paso County Courthouse;
8 students from Americas High School have consistently turned in
9 strong performances at the regionals, and the 2011 team went on to
10 place first in the state and fifth in the national competition; and
11   WHEREAS, The members of the 2013 team are Victoria Espinoza,
12 Hannah Legge, Andrea Olivas, Jacob Parsont, MaryJane Plote, Denise
13 Ramirez, Seth Rappe, Michael Rodela, Viridiana Santacruz, and Isaac
14 Tarango; they were ably supported by coach Teresa M. Candelaria and
15 attorney advisors Jaime Esparza and Kyle Myers; with its victory,
16 the team earned the opportunity to advance to the state competition
17 taking place in Dallas in March; and
18   WHEREAS, The continuing vitality of the legal profession in
19 Texas depends in large part on the enthusiasm of young people for
20 the study and practice of the law, and the members of the Americas
21 High School mock trial team may take great pride in their
22 accomplishments in this challenging discipline; now, therefore, be
23 it
24   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

1 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the Americas High

2 School mock trial team for winning the championship at the Region 19

3 Texas High School Mock Trial Competition for 2013 and extend to the

4 team's members sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be

5 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.