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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Friendswood High School Academic Decathlon Team
2 won the 2013 4A state championship at the event held February 22-24
3 in San Antonio; and

4 WHEREAS, The Academic Decathlon program provides high school
5 students an opportunity to experience the challenges of rigorous
6 academic competition through participation in team activities;
7 subjects include art, music, math, science, social studies,
8 language and literature, economics, essay, speech, and interview;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Friendswood scholars garnered 27 individual medals
11 to earn first place overall, and team members also claimed among the
12 top three finishes in the honors, scholastic, and varsity
13 divisions; by capturing the state title, the club collected \$20,800
14 in scholarships, with each member individually earning a \$1,200
15 scholarship; and

16 WHEREAS, Members of the talented team include Bryan Holcomb,
17 Derek Janak, Julia Lu, Zach Cocetti, Chase Ehrig, Raymond Monahan,
18 Drew Hopf, Kim Hall, David Snowden, and alternates Faizaan Amir and
19 Roma Pradhan; the students were ably assisted in their efforts by
20 coaches Renae Simons, Arden Curtis, and Ashley Birmingham,
21 superintendent Trish Hanks, and principal Mark Griffon; further
22 credit goes to all those in the community who served as sponsors,
23 held practice interviews, and listened to speeches; and

24 WHEREAS, The 2012-2013 Academic Decathlon Team is a source of

1 great pride to the faculty, staff, and students of Friendswood High
2 School, and its first-place showing at this year's state contest is
3 indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the Friendswood High
6 School Academic Decathlon Team and their coaches on winning the
7 2013 4A state championship and extend to them sincere best wishes
8 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.