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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the speech and debate team at Connally
2 High School in Waco distinguished themselves at two competitions
3 during the 2012-2013 academic year; and

4 WHEREAS, At the district policy debate conference, the
5 Connally team swept the awards, with seniors Austin Pace and Jesus
6 Tonche placing first, seniors Michael Donaldson and Julia Jirovsky
7 taking second, and senior Sandra Davis and sophomore Christian
8 Gutierrez winning third place; in addition, Mr. Pace was named the
9 top speaker in the district; and

10 WHEREAS, The team followed up their performance at the
11 district competition with a strong showing at the National Forensic
12 League qualifying tournament; Mr. Donaldson ranked first in the
13 international extemporaneous speaking contest and qualified for
14 the national meet in Birmingham, Alabama, while Ms. Jirovsky came
15 in fourth in both domestic extemporaneous speaking and
16 congressional debate; in the policy debate, Mr. Pace and Mr. Tonche
17 placed third, Mr. Donaldson and Ms. Jirovsky placed fourth, and Ms.
18 Davis and Mr. Gutierrez placed sixth; and

19 WHEREAS, These talented young Texans have demonstrated
20 outstanding skill and dedication, and they are a source of pride to
21 their families and school; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the Connally High
24 School speech and debate team on their successes during the

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1 2012-2013 academic year and extend to them sincere best wishes for
2 the future; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
5 House of Representatives.