

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Mendoza Debate Society at Lee College in Baytown
2 is the highest-ranked community college debate team in the country,
3 and its members indeed merit special recognition for their
4 achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, The debate society, named for retired Lee College
6 instructor and former debate coach Joseph D. Mendoza, was
7 reestablished in 2013 with the help of college president Dennis
8 Brown and academic dean Dr. Jeff Thies; in the past two years, the
9 debaters have earned more than 150 competitive awards, including
10 three national championships in the 2013-2014 season; and

11 WHEREAS, During the 2014-2015 season, the Mendoza Debate
12 Society captured six national championship wins and more than two
13 dozen individual and team regular season championships; it is the
14 top International Public Debate Association program in Texas, and
15 it finished the season at fifth place in the United States; this is
16 the first time a community college has achieved this level of
17 success in the history of the IPDA; and

18 WHEREAS, Aply guided by director of forensics Joe Ganakos and
19 volunteer assistant coach Preston Langley, the members of the Lee
20 College Mendoza Debate Society include Himmler Assing, Cody Bijou,
21 Kyle Diamond, Reagan Dobbs, Joselyn Mendoza, Dax Ramgoolam, Brandon
22 Reinertsen, Rigo Ruiz, Shawn Start, and Emily Trevino; and

23 WHEREAS, These talented young men and women have demonstrated
24 outstanding skill and dedication, and they are a source of great

1 pride to their families and school and to this state; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the Mendoza Debate
5 Society on their success and extend to them sincere best wishes for
6 the future; and, be it further

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

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Straus	González	Otto
Allen	Guerra	Paddie
Alonzo	Guillen	Parker
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Paul
Anchia	Harless	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Phillips
Ashby	Howard	Pickett
Aycock	Huberty	Price
Bell	Hughes	Raney
Bernal	Hunter	Raymond
Blanco	Isaac	Reynolds
Bohac	Israel	Riddle
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Travis
Burns	Keough	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Rose
Button	King of Parker	Sanford
Canales	King of Taylor	Schaefer
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schofield
Clardy	Klick	Schubert
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smith
Dale	Leach	Smithee
Darby	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Springer
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stephenson
Deshotel	Márquez	Stickland
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	McClendon	Tinderholt
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Collin
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Harris
Farias	Miles	Turner of Tarrant
Farney	Miller of Comal	VanDeaver
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Villalba
Fletcher	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White of Bell
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Galindo	Murphy	Workman
Geren	Murr	Wray
Giddings	Naishtat	Wu
Goldman	Nevárez	Zedler
Gonzales	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 2127

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2127 was adopted by the House on May 1, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House