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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, Aably 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.