

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Mendoza Debate Society of Lee College has added
2 to its impressive record of success by winning the International
3 Public Debate Association National Community College Debate
4 Championship for the third year in a row; and

5 WHEREAS, The top-ranked debate program in Texas for the
6 2015-2016 IPDA season, the Mendoza Debate Society delivered the
7 highest-scoring performance in the 19-year history of the
8 championship, capping a season that brought the team more than 150
9 awards; the debaters were also named Season Long Community College
10 Champions, and Joe Ganakos, Lee College director of forensics, was
11 recognized as 2016 IPDA Bennett Strange Coach of the Year; and

12 WHEREAS, Led by captains Kyle Diamond and Rigo Ruiz, the
13 debate society earned an all-time record for points in the Team
14 Division National Championship, while members Emmanuel Perez and
15 Josh Lyrock placed third; Jerry McCauley was named 2015-2016 IPDA
16 Junior Varsity National Champion, while Mr. Diamond was the Varsity
17 Division National Runner-Up and National Championship Tournament
18 Varsity Finalist; and

19 WHEREAS, These gifted young debaters have exhibited
20 remarkable skill, drive, and determination, and they have earned
21 great distinction for themselves, their school, and the State of
22 Texas; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate the Mendoza Debate Society of Lee

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1 College on winning the 2016 IPDA National Community College Debate
2 Championship and extend to the team's members sincere best wishes
3 for continued success; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 453 was adopted by the House on March 2, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House