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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Students from numerous schools in House District 19
2 demonstrated their abilities at the 2017 University
3 Interscholastic League Academic State Meet, making a fine showing
4 in the 1A through 4A conferences; and

5 WHEREAS, In the 1A computer science contest, Alex Owens
6 represented Spurger High School, and he turned in a valiant effort
7 to finish in 17th place; and

8 WHEREAS, The 2A competitors from West Hardin High School
9 excelled in numerous events; Josiah Atkinson claimed gold medals in
10 the persuasive speaking, Lincoln-Douglas debate, and congress
11 categories, and bronze medals were earned by fellow Oilers Jacob
12 Battenfield in prose interpretation and by Brett May, who took
13 third place in both the congress and informative speaking contests;
14 furthermore, the school's speech team secured a first-place finish
15 with its outstanding group performance; and

16 WHEREAS, Also taking part in Class 2A, Andrew Harmon of
17 Colmesneil High School received a bronze medal in Lincoln-Douglas
18 debate, and the Colmesneil speech team placed 11th; and

19 WHEREAS, Woodville High School's participation in the 3A
20 competition was highlighted by the theatrical design team's
21 second-place finish; in addition, the theater ensemble placed
22 ninth, and Kaylee Allen scored in the top 25 in the science event;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, In 4A headline writing, Allan Pulliam of Jasper High

1 School earned sixth place, and the school's journalism team tied
2 for 17th; Ben Stone of Hardin-Jefferson High School demonstrated
3 his abilities in the 4A science contest, finishing eighth; and

4 WHEREAS, These talented young Texans have demonstrated
5 notable skill and dedication, and they may take justifiable pride
6 in participating in this premier scholastic showcase; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the students from House District 19
10 who competed in the 2017 UIL Academic State Meet and extend to them
11 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the students as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.