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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The academic decathlon team from Dulles High School in Sugar Land enjoyed great success during the 2019 United States Academic Decathlon Nationals competition in Bloomington, Minnesota, April 25-27; and

WHEREAS, The academic decathlon program provides high school students with the opportunity to participate in rigorous competition and demonstrate their abilities in team activities that encompass disciplines such as math, science, language, art, music, economics, social science, speech, essay, and interview; and

WHEREAS, The Dulles team excelled at the national meet, finishing as the third place Overall Team and second place Division I Team with 50,443.8 points; the Vikings also took home the silver in the Super Quiz category, and they received the title of Division I Rookie of the Year; and

WHEREAS, A number of Dulles students earned individual accolades, including most valuable team member Ali Abi Nassif, who won second place Varsity in Interview and third place Varsity in Math, and highest-scoring team member Simon Sanchez-Paiva, who won third place Overall Scholastic, first place Scholastic in Music, Social Science, Literature, and Art, second place Scholastic in Economics and Science, and third place Scholastic in Math; many other members of the roster also earned awards, including: Lana Haffar, second place Honors in Arts and Social Science; Logan House, second place Varsity in Math and third place Varsity in Music and Art; Ethan Sollenberger, first place Scholastic in Math, second place Scholastic in Music, and third place Scholastic in Essay; Davis Varghese, third place Overall Varsity, first place Varsity in Math and Music, and second place Varsity in Economics, Social Science, and Science; Robert Yang, first place Honors in Math and Literature and third place Honors in Social Science; Sophie Yangyi, first place Honors in Arts, second place Honors in Economics and Social Science, and third place Honors in Music and Literature; and Olivia Jackson, third place Scholastic in Math, Literature, and Literature in Art; and

WHEREAS, These outstanding young Texans have demonstrated great skill, knowledge, and dedication, and with their fine showing during the 2019 USAD national contest, they have brought tremendous pride to their school and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the Dulles High School academic decathlon team on a successful showing at the 2019 USAD Nationals competition and extend to its members and coaches sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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