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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, A number of Dulles students earned individual
16 accolades, including most valuable team member Ali Abi Nassif, who
17 won second place Varsity in Interview and third place Varsity in
18 Math, and highest-scoring team member Simon Sanchez-Paiva, who won
19 third place Overall Scholastic, first place Scholastic in Music,
20 Social Science, Literature, and Art, second place Scholastic in
21 Economics and Science, and third place Scholastic in Math; many
22 other members of the roster also earned awards, including: Lana
23 Haffar, second place Honors in Arts and Social Science; Logan
24 House, second place Varsity in Math and third place Varsity in Music

1 and Art; Ethan Sollenberger, first place Scholastic in Math, second
2 place Scholastic in Music, and third place Scholastic in Essay;
3 Davis Varghese, third place Overall Varsity, first place Varsity in
4 Math and Music, and second place Varsity in Economics, Social
5 Science, and Science; Robert Yang, first place Honors in Math and
6 Literature and third place Honors in Social Science; Sophie Yangyi,
7 first place Honors in Arts, second place Honors in Economics and
8 Social Science, and third place Honors in Music and Literature; and
9 Olivia Jackson, third place Scholastic in Math, Literature, and
10 Literature in Art; and

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

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

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