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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Students from Waltrip High School distinguished themselves through their participation in the Houston Urban Debate League Tournament 5 on January 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, HUDL is a nonprofit organization committed to the advancement of debate in Houston schools; it helps partner schools host weekend tournaments where hundreds of students argue their cases in a number of debate categories, including public forum, Lincoln-Douglas, Congress, policy and cross examination, and world schools; and

WHEREAS, The Waltrip High team included freshman debate partners Meredith Mooreland and Evan Weltin, who competed at the varsity level and advanced to the finals in public forum debate; the pair won first place for their arguments on the National Security Act, and they were named Top Speakers in their category; in addition, Alex Barnes earned fourth place in congressional debate; led by debate teacher Marsha Jump, the team also benefited from the impressive performances of its other participants, including Miranda Noonan, Melody Longoria, Pete Chavez, and Luis Tiburcio; and

WHEREAS, These talented young Texans have demonstrated exceptional dedication, intellect, and skill, and they may indeed reflect with pride on their notable accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby commend the Waltrip High School debate team on its performance at the Houston Urban Debate League Tournament 5 in January 2021 and extend to its members 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.