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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commend the Waltrip High School debate team on
2 its performance at the Houston Urban Debate League Tournament 5 in
3 January 2021 and extend to its members sincere best wishes for the
4 future; and, be it further

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