

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The mock trial team from The University of Texas at  
2 Austin made a fine showing at the American Mock Trial Association's  
3 2025 National Championship Tournament, held in Cleveland, Ohio; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded in 1985 by Dean Richard Calkins of Drake Law  
5 School, the American Mock Trial Association is the governing body  
6 for intercollegiate mock trial competitions; these simulations  
7 allow students to develop critical thinking and public speaking  
8 skills and expand their knowledge of legal practices and  
9 procedures; and

10           WHEREAS, Each season, AMTA hosts 32 regional tournaments,  
11 8 opening round championship tournaments, and a national  
12 championship tournament, involving some 700 teams from over 400  
13 colleges and universities; more than 7,300 undergraduates across  
14 the country compete during each academic year; and

15           WHEREAS, Texas Mock Trial was established in 1991 as UT's  
16 official mock trial team; over the years, the program has brought  
17 home trophies from tournaments all across the country; with a  
18 record of 10.5 wins, one loss, and one tie, it earned fourth place  
19 at the 2025 AMTA national tournament, besting dozens of the most  
20 competitive collegiate mock trial programs in the U.S., and this  
21 impressive performance has secured the UT group the number five  
22 spot in the nation in the 2025-2026 AMTA Team Power Rankings; and

23           WHEREAS, Through their accomplishments in the AMTA  
24 competition, the members of Texas Mock Trial have brought great

1 credit to The University of Texas at Austin, and they may indeed  
2 take pride in the results of their hard work and commitment to  
3 excellence; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Texas Mock Trial on earning fourth  
6 place at the American Mock Trial Association's 2025 National  
7 Tournament and extend to its members sincere best wishes for  
8 continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1247

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1247 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House