

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Austin speech team
2 furthered its legacy of success by winning the national
3 championship at the 2025 American Forensic Association National
4 Speech Tournament; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1978, the AFA-NST has drawn thousands of
6 college students from across the country to compete for national
7 titles in 11 individual events; held each April, its participants
8 must pass through a rigorous qualification system to earn their
9 entrance; and

10 WHEREAS, Competing on April 5-7 in Charlotte, North Carolina,
11 Texas Speech collected its 4th consecutive national championship
12 and the 11th in program history; individually, its members brought
13 home 11 national finalist trophies in events ranging from limited
14 preparation to interpretation, with performances that prioritized
15 political and personal advocacy; in addition, third-year student
16 Ishika Bhasin was named the national champion in impromptu
17 speaking; and

18 WHEREAS, Housed in the Department of Communication Studies
19 within the Moody College of Communication, Texas Speech is UT
20 Austin's official competitive intercollegiate speech organization,
21 and its members train and compete in nationally recognized
22 categories of performance and public speaking; they also serve
23 alongside Texas Debate as the organizing point for the historical
24 records and forensic history of one of the school's oldest student

1 organizations, the Texas Forensic Union, which was first
2 established as the Athenaeum Literary Society in 1883; led by
3 captains Kaylee Frazier and Jennifer Gonzalez, the team benefits
4 from the guidance of its director, Dr. Eva Margarita, and coaches;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, By collecting four consecutive national
7 championships, Texas Speech has distinguished itself as a
8 powerhouse in collegiate forensics, and its members may indeed
9 reflect with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate The University of Texas speech team
12 on winning the championship at the 2025 American Forensic
13 Association National Speech Tournament and extend to its members
14 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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Burrows	Guerra	Morales Shaw
Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

H.R. No. 1416

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1416 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House