

## House Resolution 1141

By: Representatives Evans of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, Oliver of the 82<sup>nd</sup>, Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Shannon of the 84<sup>th</sup>, and Holcomb of the 81<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Decatur High School's mock trial team on winning the 2022 Georgia Mock  
2 Trial Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Decatur High School's mock trial team is heading to the national championship  
4 competition after winning the 2022 Georgia Mock Trial Championship on March 21, 2022;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, this year, over 100 teams from the state's 17 mock trial regions across Georgia  
7 competed at the state competition in Gwinnett County, and only 32 of those teams qualify  
8 for districts and the best 16 teams move on to the state finals; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice David E. Nahmias presided over the  
10 championship, and the Decatur High School students defended a store clerk on trial for  
11 murder in the fictional town of Miltonville; and

12 WHEREAS, the team, led by captain Sophia Gershman, won rounds against Norcross,  
13 Jonesboro, and Midtown to advance to the state championship against Northview High  
14 School; and

15 WHEREAS, individual awards went to team members Carrie Cespino, Sophia Gershman,  
16 and Ruby Kelly; and

17 WHEREAS, the Decatur mock trial team is coached by attorneys Jeanne Canavan, Cinque  
18 Axam, Ryan Patrick, and Tyshawn Jackson, and the teacher coaches are Erika Leach and  
19 Catherine Thibadeau; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the hard work and success of the Decatur  
21 mock trial team be recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body congratulate Decatur High School's mock trial team on winning  
24 the 2022 Georgia Mock Trial Championship and extend them best wishes for the national  
25 championship.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
28 Decatur High School's mock trial team.