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3 championship.  
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5           *Whereas, The Chesterton High School Debate Team*  
6 *captured the state title with a victory over rival West Lafayette*  
7 *High School at the Indiana High School Forensic Association*  
8 *(IHSFA) Championship Tournament;*

9           *Whereas, Chesterton High School won by a score of 97 to*  
10 *West Lafayette's 85.5, and Valparaiso was third with a score of*  
11 *49.5;*  
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13           *Whereas, The Chesterton High School Debate Team*  
14 *program was established in 1967;*

15           *Whereas, The Chesterton High School Debate Team victory*  
16 *this year is the school's 26<sup>th</sup> victory in the program's history,*  
17 *and their 17<sup>th</sup> win in the last 20 years;*  
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19           *Whereas, In the Public Forum Debate, Hunter Warren and*  
20 *Eric Richardson were runners up; and the debate teams of*  
21 *Hayden Hodge and Mark Wilcox, and Victoria Bain and Nate*  
22 *Scheerer tied for third;*

23           *Whereas, All four Congressional Debaters advanced to the*  
24 *final round, with Creighton Gaff coming in fourth overall,*



1     *Megan Daye coming in sixth, Michelle Reynolds coming in*  
2     *seventh, and Natalie Kezy in fifteenth overall;*

3             *Whereas, John Mario, Ayesha Khan, Josh Hogan, Sam*  
4     *Winski, and Paul Petro comprised Chesterton's World School*  
5     *debate team and came in third place in the event's inaugural*  
6     *year;*

7             *Whereas, Tim Vincent and Joel Peterson defeated their*  
8     *teammates Adam Myers and Connor Wantuch to win the State*  
9     *Championship in Policy debate;*

10            *Whereas, The Chesterton High School Debate Team has the*  
11     *following members, Katrina Balon, Hannah Geiss, Quinlan*  
12     *Doolin, Camma Duhamell, Eli Winski, Kevin Jugovic, Fred*  
13     *Owens, Nate Poczekay, Edward Young, Samuel Gutierrez,*  
14     *Natalle Kezy, Megan Daye, Michelle Reynolds, Hayden*  
15     *Hodge, Mark Wilcox, Victoria Bain, Nate Scheerer, John*  
16     *Mario, Ayesha Khan, Josh Hogan, Sam Winski, Paul Petro,*  
17     *Creighton Gaff, Hunter Warren, Eric Richardson, Connor*  
18     *Wantuch, Adam Myers, Joel Peterson, and Tim Vincent;*

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20            *Whereas, The Chesterton High School team is led by*  
21     *coaches Chris Lowery, Joshua Coots, and Dakota McCoy, the*  
22     *Chesterton High School principal is Jeffrey Van Drie, and the*  
23     *Superintendent of Duneland Schools is Dr. David Pruis;*

24            *Whereas, The art of debating has a long and honorable*  
25     *history throughout the United States and the world; and*

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27            *Whereas, The ability to speak eloquently and to affect the*  
28     *opinion of others is a valuable skill for the youth of today:*  
29     *Therefore,*

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31            *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
32     *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

33            SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the  
34     Chesterton High School Debate Team on their state championship win



1 and encourages them to continue to polish their skills in the age-old art  
2 of public speaking.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
4 to transmit a copy of this resolution to Coach Chris Lowry, the  
5 Chesterton High School Debate Team, and Chesterton High School.

