

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the University of Kentucky debate team upon winning
2 the 2019 national championship.

3 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2019, the University of Kentucky debate team of Dan
4 Bannister and Anthony Trufanov captured the National Debate Tournament
5 championship; and

6 WHEREAS, the University of Kentucky debate team had held the number one
7 ranking after defeating Harvard 4-1, the first time UK had held the top ranking since
8 1995; and

9 WHEREAS, the national championship was University of Kentucky's first since
10 Ouita Michel and David Brownell won the title in 1986; and

11 WHEREAS, in capturing the 2019 title, Bannister and Trufanov defeated teams
12 from Cornell, Cal Berkeley, and the University of Michigan; and

13 WHEREAS, the team won 44 out of a possible 46 ballots over four days in the
14 tournament, a historic accomplishment particularly for a public institution; and

15 WHEREAS, the entire University of Kentucky debate team is Dan Bannister,
16 Anthony Trufanov, Gen Hackman, Jacinda Rivas, Maria Sanchez, Marcus Williams, Josh
17 Kendrick, and Stephani Lopez. They are ably coached by David Arnett, Lincoln Garrett,
18 Amar Adam, Linda Barker, and Seth Gannon;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
21 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor the
23 University of Kentucky debate team upon winning the 2019 national championship,
24 acknowledge the hard work of Coach Dave Arnett and his talented staff for their
25 leadership and expertise, and grant all the student-debaters best of luck as they continue
26 to make the University of Kentucky proud.

27 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in

- 1 honor of the University of Kentucky debate team.
- 2 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
- 3 copy of this Resolution to Representative Ruth Ann Palumbo for delivery.