

HOUSE RESOLUTION 162

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Levi Deaton of Alcoa High School on his first-place finish at the 2024 SkillsUSA State Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to pay tribute to those successful high school students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves in statewide competition; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Levi Deaton of Alcoa High School, who brought home a first-place gold medal in mechatronics at the 2024 SkillsUSA State Championship; he and his partner, Morgan Sikes, mastered six of the eight tests; and

WHEREAS, mechatronics is an interdisciplinary branch of engineering that combines mechanical, electrical, and software engineering. At Mr. Deaton's school, mechatronics is a part of the STEM Engineering CTE program, which is offered in conjunction with the Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA is a national organization that promotes personal, workplace, and technical skills grounded in academics so students are prepared to fill readily available, highly skilled jobs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deaton's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; in winning at the state level, he has qualified to compete at the National SkillsUSA competition in June in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Levi Deaton achieved a perfect score of 36 on the ACT; and

WHEREAS, Levi Deaton's display of aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success, and his dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend and congratulate Levi Deaton of Alcoa High School on his first-place finish in mechatronics at the 2024 SkillsUSA Tennessee State Championship, extending our best wishes for much continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.