

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1453

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor the Walters State Community College debate team.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a group of outstanding young people who have excelled in forensics competition; and

WHEREAS, the Walters State Community College debate team recently advanced to the final round of the Tennessee Valley Invitational; and

WHEREAS, the team of sophomores, Emily Thompson, an agriculture major from Dandridge, and Zach Byrd, a theatre arts student from Rutledge, posted an impressive 4-1 record en route to finishing second; and

WHEREAS, the team of Tanner Keck, a sophomore civil engineering student from Bean Station, and Lexi Rolan, a freshman teaching major from New Market, was 3-1 in preliminary competition; and

WHEREAS, Emily Thompson was honored as the first-place novice speaker, while Tanner Keck was recognized as the fourth-place novice speaker; and

WHEREAS, in fact, three of the four members of the Walters State debate team were competing in their first tournament, and the remaining member had only debated virtually prior to the tournament; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Walters State Community College debate team worked hard and overcame many challenges to use their skills and training in in-person debate competition, and they are most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the members of the Walters State Community

College debate team and their coach, Dean Rob Pratt, upon ably representing their school at the Tennessee Valley Invitational and wish them much continued success in the upcoming Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association state tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.