



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

April 3, 2013 - Introduced by Senators HARSDORF and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives PETRYK and MURTHA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** commending the Spring Valley High School National Ocean Sciences
2 Bowl Team for winning the 12th Annual Lake Sturgeon Bowl Regional
3 Competition.

4 Whereas, the Spring Valley High School National Ocean Sciences Bowl Team
5 was named champion of the 12th Annual Lake Sturgeon Bowl Regional Competition
6 on February 9, 2013, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

7 Whereas, the National Ocean Sciences Bowl is a nationwide academic
8 competition designed to challenge and test students in their knowledge of ocean and
9 freshwater-related topics; and

10 Whereas, this year's theme is "The Great Lakes: A Window into Freshwater
11 Science"; and

12 Whereas, the Spring Valley team, coached by Michele Huppert, consists of team
13 captain, senior Sarah Sortedahl, and team members, seniors Ashley Ehman and Rex
14 Gould and juniors Claire Arneson and Tyler O'Keefe; and

1 Whereas, Coach Michele Huppert has been a successful mentor to the team
2 members and has taken great strides to promote the importance of educational
3 opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in the Spring
4 Valley School District; and

5 Whereas, the team members have proven themselves as academically gifted
6 and driven students, planning to pursue post-secondary education in software
7 engineering, materials science, natural resources management, and medical fields;
8 and

9 Whereas, the team has been studying and preparing for the competition since
10 October; and

11 Whereas, the team members have become experts in oceanography and
12 freshwater resources in the disciplines of marine biology, chemistry, geology,
13 technology, physics, social science, and marine policy; and

14 Whereas, Spring Valley High School has been committed to the National Ocean
15 Sciences Bowl by fielding a team in the competition for the past nine years; and

16 Whereas, as a symbol of Wisconsin's forestry heritage and to resemble
17 lumberjacks, the team donned flannel shirts as the official team uniform, which has
18 been a tradition passed down from previous Spring Valley High School National
19 Ocean Sciences Bowl teams; and

20 Whereas, this year's team finished ahead of their longtime rival, Marshfield
21 High School, to whom they placed second in the previous six years; and

22 Whereas, the team notably went undefeated throughout the entire Lake
23 Sturgeon Bowl and averaged a score twice that of their opponents for each match;
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