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RFD: RULES

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HJR___ CONGRATULATING THE MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL HI-Q TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2024 ALABAMA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to recognize the Murphy High School Hi-Q Team for winning the Alabama State Championship, sponsored by New Horizons Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, the Hi-Q competition is the longest standing interscholastic quiz bowl competition in the United States; national competitions are held in four states: Alabama, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the teams, which represent public, private, and charter high schools, compete throughout the season that begins in January and culminates with a State Championship tournament in March of every year; and

WHEREAS, quiz questions are comprised from a robust group of educational topics that include Current Events, American History, Biology, Sports, Literature, Mathematics, Shakespeare, Geography, Chemistry, Art History, Physics, American Government, and World History; and

WHEREAS, the Murphy High School Hi-Q Team has demonstrated exceptional determination and persistence while preparing for this year's state championship, which was held on March 12, 2024; in a fierce competition that came down to the last question, Murphy edged Alma Bryant High School by one point and placed defending state champion Baker High

School in third; and

WHEREAS, Murphy High School's outstanding season was led by Team Sponsor Lauren Boshell; under her leadership, the students have strengthened their study skills, strategy, teamwork, and academic knowledge; she has patiently mentored them in close and meaningful reviews of study materials and led collaborative discussions to encourage the greatest opportunity for success; and

WHEREAS, displaying exceptional talent and scholastic skills are seniors, Captain Marc Leyk, Hang Touch, Lillian Marzullo, Molly Guarino, Rowan Tillman, Nakeria Woods, and Amelia Velaski; junior, Abby Weekly; sophomores, Collin Bendolph, Cecelia Camp, Quinlan DeAnda, and Korwin Harris; and freshman, Piper Velaski; and

WHEREAS, while the Hi-Q team is comprised of 13 students, eight are key players on the starting line-ups; the starting players consist of the 11th and 12th grade students who have all been members of the team since their freshman or sophomore year; the newer members are working to be well-prepared to continue showcasing Murphy's academic excellence in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Murphy High School Hi-Q Team is indeed a group of young Alabamians of extraordinary accomplishment who have brought great credit to their families, school, communities, and state; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Murphy High School Hi-Q Team is highly congratulated, and we hereby dedicate this

resolution to the team members, school sponsor, and Principal with utmost admiration, along with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.