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Representative White

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon team
on being named the 2023 United States Academic Decathlon Division III
National Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Oakwood High 2
School Academic Decathlon team on securing the 2023 United States 3
Academic Decathlon Division III National Championship title for the 4
eleventh year and the Ohio Championship title for the thirteenth time; 5
and 6

WHEREAS, Unsurpassed in knowledge, composure, and creativity, the 7
Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon team gave brilliant 8
presentations during 2023, and its impressive finish from among forty- 9
eight United States teams and nearly ten teams from China at the 10
United States Academic Decathlon Division III National Championship is 11
truly a tremendous accomplishment. These young scholars devoted 12
themselves to stalwart preparation, and under the pressures of 13
competition, they rose to the occasion with a truly exceptional 14
performance. It is not surprising that their victory in Academic 15
Decathlon competition has won them a host of admirers, even among 16
their most determined rivals; and 17

WHEREAS, The members of the Oakwood High School Academic 18
Decathlon team have amply proven themselves to be innovative, 19
articulate, and tenacious. Indeed, they are to be commended not only 20
for their grasp of a formidable amount of challenging material but 21
also for their poise, confidence, and mental agility. Throughout the 22
event, the participants displayed remarkable insight, ingenuity, and 23
resolve, and their thorough preparation was evident at every point in 24
the contest. They merit praise for their triumph in the face of stiff 25

opposition, and their genuine passion for learning and effective 26
problem solving has set a fine example for their peers; and 27

WHEREAS, The Academic Decathlon tournaments acknowledge academic 28
excellence, showcase both individual and collective proficiency, 29
foster interest in a variety of scholastic pursuits, and promote 30
support among parents and other community members. Each stimulating 31
intellectual exercise offers valuable lessons about concentration, 32
self-discipline, and perseverance, and by mastering these, the members 33
of the Oakwood High School team, Isak Autrey, Ian Brooks, Alayna 34
Brown, Ainsley Burton, Isaac Callahan, Jack Campbell, Wright Chen, 35
Alex Devgan, Brian Fischer, Ty Fischer, Jack Foley, Nic Frank, Ryan 36
Frank, Ethan Ha, Rohan Haack, Joseph Hong, Elena Kallenberg, Max 37
Kiernan, Srinidhi Krishnamoorthy, Charli Kulka, Zachary Ludwig, Tony 38
Orsello, Elias Phillips, Michael Ritschel, Brandon Roche, Angie 39
Rodriguez, McKenzie Russell, Abbie Saxen, Grace Stafford, Will Steipp, 40
Danny Vasconez, Daniel Wang, Anna Weaver, Sofia Wiegand, Elena Zois, 41
Sia Zois, and Alez Zhang have made their entire community very proud. 42
Under the experienced leadership of coach Lori Morris, they have 43
distinguished themselves as of some of the area's most gifted and 44
diligent students; therefore be it 45

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 46
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 47
applaud the Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon team for 48
outstanding achievement and wish its members a bright, rewarding 49
future; and be it further 50

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 51
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Oakwood High 52
School Academic Decathlon team. 53