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H. R. No. 258

Representative Thomas, J.



A RESOLUTION

Honoring FlameGuard on winning first place at the
2025 De La Vega Global Entrepreneurship Awards.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend FlameGuard on placing
first at the 2025 De La Vega Global Entrepreneurship Awards; and

WHEREAS, The De La Vega Global Entrepreneurship Awards recognize
the innovative spirit of young entrepreneurs from around the world,
and this prestigious distinction is a fitting tribute to all those
associated with FlameGuard, including Justin Lackey, Joe Lattarulo,
Matt Smith, Zach Ferguson, and Jack Lancy. Indeed, these fine
individuals invested countless hours of time and energy to bring their
business from the concept phase all the way to a fully-operating
enterprise, and they are deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, A committed group of students and alumni of Jackson
Township High School, the founders of FlameGuard were inspired by a
recent tragedy to create a fire prevention business that could give
back to the community, and they worked diligently to meet every
challenge and overcome any obstacles they encountered. In the process,
they secured the Junior Achievement USA Company of the Year Award at
the 2024 National Student Leadership Summit before advancing to this
year's De La Vega Global Entrepreneurship Awards, where they received
the highest honors, and their accomplishments are a justifiable source
of pride and an excellent reflection not only on them but also on the
many teachers and supporters that have keenly followed them; and

WHEREAS, The success of FlameGuard convincingly demonstrates how
very much can be accomplished by a group of conscientious people with
clear objectives and firm resolve, and it is through the work of
citizens such as these that Ohio continues to be a pleasant place in

which to live. To their credit, these young men have set a tremendous 27
example for other entrepreneurs in our country, and it is not 28
surprising that their achievements have earned them a host of 29
admirers; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 31
the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 32
applaud FlameGuard on its outstanding performance at the 2025 De La 33
Vega Global Entrepreneurship Awards and wish it a bright, rewarding 34
future; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 36
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to FlameGuard. 37