

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7021

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to congratulate teacher Terry D. Morley and the Happy Valley High School "We the People" team upon winning the state academic competition and advancing to the 2006 national finals.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to recognize those school organizations and associations whose dedication to excellence bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Happy Valley High School "We the People" team is one such organization, and its success in the state "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" academic competition is a testament to the abilities of its individual members; and

WHEREAS, prior to competing in the statewide competition, Happy Valley High School's "We the People" team members studied for months to prepare for their roles as experts testifying on constitutional issues in a simulated congressional hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Happy Valley students will represent Tennessee at the national finals in Washington, D.C., after having won first place in their congressional district and state competitions in late 2005; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of "We the People" is to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's elementary and secondary students; since 1987, more than twenty-eight million students and ninety thousand educators have participated in this innovative course of study; and

WHEREAS, the national competition will involve making presentations and answering questions on constitutional topics before a panel of constitutional scholars, lawyers, and government leaders; and

WHEREAS, Happy Valley's outstanding academic team is led by their inspired teacher of American History and United States Government, Terry Morley; in a recent interview Mr. Morley commented, "My students and myself are very excited with this opportunity to represent Tennessee in a national competition, especially one that will help develop responsible competent citizens."; and

WHEREAS, the individual team members who have devoted countless hours of study to the understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy are: Andrew Wesley Andes, Adam Michael Black, Sarah Leanne Blevins, Tony Wayne Carr II, Rebecca Elizabeth Foxx, Samantha Marie Hodge, Nathan Alex Kirkland, Matthew Ainsworth Parker, Britny Marlene Renner, William Cody Schuettler, Daniel Isaac Shankle, Seth Douglas Solomon, Zarick Tobin Touns, Brandon Boyd Whitehead, and Peyton Cody Wood; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and academic prowess of this group of young scholars surely point toward success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those committed students who receive state and national recognition for their exceptional academic achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate teacher Terry D. Morley and the Happy Valley High School "We the People" team upon winning the state "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" academic competition, commend the team for advancing to the 2006 national finals where they will represent Tennessee, and offer our fondest wishes for their continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.