

HOUSE RESOLUTION 255

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the University of Tennessee at Martin engineering students who placed third in the international SAE Aero Design East competition.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body pause to pay tribute to those determined college students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to the pursuit of knowledge, have distinguished themselves as leaders in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, the seven engineering students from the University of Tennessee at Martin (UT Martin) who placed third in the international SAE Aero Design East competition are certainly deserving of our recognition for their stellar performance; and

WHEREAS, seventy-five teams from universities, colleges, and technical schools around the world competed at the SAE Aero Design East competition, which was held in Ft. Worth, Texas, and sponsored by professional aerospace firms, including Lockheed Martin; and

WHEREAS, the UT Martin team competed against sixteen other teams in the advanced category and was the only school present without an independent aerospace program or related major; and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning third place overall, the team won second place in the flight category; and

WHEREAS, the members of the UT Martin engineering team are: Wesley Cox, Taylor Higgason, Josh Johnson, Matthew Laudermilk, Guara Patel, Junior Overacker, and Cameron Westbrook; and

WHEREAS, the team was ably supervised by Dr. Doug Sterrett, professor of engineering; and

WHEREAS, for the competition, the team built a radio-controlled aircraft from the ground up, based on guidelines determined by the competition's objectives; and

WHEREAS, the team members' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for their future success, and their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Wesley Cox, Taylor Higgason, Josh Johnson, Matthew Laudermilk, Guara Patel, Junior Overacker, Cameron Westbrook, and Dr. Doug Sterrett on their recent triumph at the SAE Aero Design East competition and extend to them our heartiest wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

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