

A RESOLUTION honoring Brian Anderson.

WHEREAS, Brian Anderson is a senior at LaRue County High School; and

WHEREAS, Brian Anderson, a newly-commissioned Kentucky Colonel, is ranked first in the nation in Speech and Debate; and

WHEREAS, Brian Anderson entered his first speech competition as a freshman, and was given one minute to prepare for that seven-minute speech. He also entered the extemporaneous speaking competition, which allows the student to research for 30 minutes. He "double-finaled" at the competition, taking fourth in impromptu and sixth in extemporaneous speaking, a testament to his talent and innate gift as an orator; and

WHEREAS, as a sophomore, Brian Anderson finished fourth at the Yale Invitational and became the first student in LaRue County history to be invited to the National Extemp Tournament of Champions at Northwestern University, an achievement he earned by advancing to the finals at the Barkley Forum in Atlanta and winning the Kentucky State Championship; and

WHEREAS, Brian Anderson was the 2013 state champion in extemporaneous speaking and was named a National Speech and Debate Association All-American for the 2013-2014 school year, ending the year ranked 21st in the nation. He was the only junior to be ranked in the top 25; and

WHEREAS, this season, Brian Anderson is undefeated in extemporaneous speaking, and because of his performance last season has already earned an invitation to the Extemp Tournament of Champions and the Montgomery Bell Academy Round Robin in Nashville, an event that hosts the best 16 extemp students in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Brian Anderson plans to enroll at Western Kentucky University next fall, and he is interested in the university's Chinese Flagship Program; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body rightfully acknowledges the hard work and dedication that Brian Anderson has put into becoming one of the finest debaters in this Commonwealth; commends his family, his coaches, and his teachers for giving him the

support needed to perform so admirably; and wishes him the best of luck as he continues his speech and scholastic careers at LaRue County High School;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby honors Brian Anderson, commends him on the extraordinary occasion of being named number one in the nation in Speech and Debate, and grants him best wishes as he prepares for Western Kentucky University.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Brian Anderson.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Terry Mills for delivery.