

A RESOLUTION honoring the Russell High School Academic Team upon winning the 2016 Governor's Cup State Academic Championship.

WHEREAS, the Governor's Cup competition is the Commonwealth's premier academic event, involving 30,000 students from over 1,200 private and public schools; and

WHEREAS, located in northeastern Kentucky, Russell Independent High School has an enrollment of 661 students and is currently honored as a District of Distinction by the Kentucky Department of Education. With a school district mission "to inspire and empower all students to reach their maximum potential: one student, one lesson, one day at a time," the Russell Academic Team embodies this can-do attitude to strive for and reach a level of excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Russell High School Academic Team captured the Governor's Cup State Academic Championship in March 2016, notching a total score of 70.25 points and holding off second-place Johnson Central High School; and

WHEREAS, the state title was Russell's sixth such accomplishment and the first since 2011; and

WHEREAS, this body hereby honors Russell High School upon winning the 2016 Governor's Cup State Academic Championship; commends the hard work and sacrifice these young men and women have made to their school and their community; and acknowledges Head Coach Kirk Barnett, Assistant Head Coach Robert Templeton, and the entire coaching staff for what they have done for this extraordinary team;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor the Russell High School Academic Team upon winning the 2016 Governor's Cup State Academic Championship, and commend all the participants, the support staff, and the

families who volunteered of their time and talent as they helped these young men and women become state champions.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the Russell High School Academic Team.

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