

House Resolution 1541

By: Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd and Smith of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Carrollton High School debate team for winning the 2021, 2022, 2023,
2 and, most recently, 2024 GFCA State Debate Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Carrollton High School debate team has established and maintained a proud
4 tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character and academics; and

5 WHEREAS, excellent delivery, superior teamwork, and extraordinary resilience made this
6 team a spectacular one to observe throughout the season, and their months of training and
7 practice have been rewarded with a victory at the last four GFCA State Debate
8 Championships; and

9 WHEREAS, this distinguished and unmatched record represents the team's incredible
10 tradition of excellence, including a total of 14 state championships; and

11 WHEREAS, this magnificent program performed with precision during the 2023-2024
12 season and cemented its well-deserved reputation for high standards of debate achievement
13 and its development of critical thinkers and excellent public speakers; and

14 WHEREAS, this four-peat string of state championships is affectionately referred to by
15 competitors on the team as Back to Back to Back to Back in honor of their long-time and
16 legendary coach, Richard Bracknell, who has provided generations of Carrollton High
17 School students with exceptional educational and co-curricular experiences in the fields of
18 argumentation, debate, and platform public speaking in an effort to elevate student
19 capabilities; and

20 WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 team included Audrey Browning, Zooey Bush, Allen Hawkins,
21 James Houser, Andrew Johnson, Kieran Kelly, Eden Long, Will Roberson, Wright Roenigk,
22 Luke Zimmer, and coach Lyndsey Oliver.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body congratulate the Carrollton High School debate team for winning
25 the 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 GFCA State Debate Championships and extend best wishes
26 for continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 Carrollton High School debate team.