

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 569

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Baylor School Ohm Raiders Robotics Team.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those outstanding and gifted students of our State who bring honor to Tennessee as members of academic teams and who act as ambassadors for our State through successful academic competition; and

WHEREAS, the members and coaches of the Baylor School Ohm Raiders Robotics Team are especially deserving of acclaim, having recently met with great success at the Tennessee FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Tech Challenge state championship and qualifying for the world competition in Houston, Texas, to be held April 19-22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the FIRST challenge was issued in September 2022, and the team quickly brainstormed, designed, programmed, and optimized a novel articulated arm design for the competition; and

WHEREAS, the judges were rightly impressed by the Ohm Raiders' dedication to recruiting, sustainability, and outreach programs, as well as their innovative approaches to both design and coding; and

WHEREAS, guided by the expertise and care of Dr. Mary Loveless and Dr. Louie Elliott, team members Owen McKenna, Alex Bailey, Richard Lu, Brandon Oakes, Eric Zheng, Jack Champion, Amanda Lu, Mimi Masson, Javier Garcia Nieto, Tony Zhang, Jackson Rogers, Sergio Sergiyenko, Chloe Wang, Kaan Volkan, and Michael Xing exhibited stellar performances in all aspects of robotics and STEM learning while crafting their winning project; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of the team have been evident throughout the year at every level of competition and surely bode well for their future competitive endeavors later this year; and

WHEREAS, the noteworthy achievement of the members of the Baylor School Ohm Raiders Robotics Team is a tremendous source of pride for their community and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the robotics team members' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the members and coaches of the Baylor School Ohm Raiders Robotics Team on their recent victory and wish them much continued success as they compete in the World Robotics Competition in Houston, Texas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.