

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 326

### By Senator Southerland

#### and

## Representatives Eldridge, Faison, Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor the Walters State Community College debate team on its championship victory in the Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association's annual state tournament.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a group of outstanding young people who have excelled in forensics competition; and

WHEREAS, the Walters State Community College debate team recently triumphed at the Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association's annual state tournament hosted at Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, Walters State was led to stunning success by the pair Cayden Keltgen and Chris Cox, who earned the varsity state championship title with a final round victory over Carson-Newman University; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his outstanding achievement with Mr. Cox, Mr. Keltgen also placed second overall among the debaters for his speaking skills; and

WHEREAS, Robert Kurth and Josh Menza advanced to semifinals in the novice division, showing the breadth and depth of the debate team's talent; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Walters State Community College debate team worked hard and overcame many challenges to use their skills and training in in-person debate competition, and they are most worthy of our approbation; 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 of the Walters State Community College debate team and their coach, Robert E. Pratt II, upon their championship victory in the Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association's annual state tournament and wish them much continued success in the upcoming Tennessee Valley Invitational.

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.

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