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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On April 11, 2016, the Gallatin County High School Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) Team competed in and won the State championship at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign; and

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WHEREAS, The Academic Challenge is an annual competition in which schools test at the regional, sectional, and State levels, with teams of 14 members; test material is drawn from senior-level high school and freshman-level college curricula; the competition is composed of seven subjects, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering Graphics, English, Mathematics, and Physics, with each student testing in two subjects; students have 40 minutes to complete the multiple-choice tests, which vary in length from 30 to 100 questions; and

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WHEREAS, Twenty-eight teams and 61 individuals competed at the State championship, representing 44 high schools across Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, This occasion marks the first time in the history of Gallatin County High School that a team has won a State championship; Gallatin County has been represented at the State level 15 times since 1998, when the WYSE competition was

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2 WHEREAS, The Gallatin County WYSE Team received a perfect  
3 score at the Regional Competition, hosted by Southeastern  
4 Illinois College, and placed second at the Sectional  
5 Competition, hosted by Southern Illinois University  
6 Carbondale; and

7 WHEREAS, Individual medal winners from Gallatin County  
8 included Nathan Shults, fifth in Engineering Graphics, Kaleb  
9 Burklow, fifth in Chemistry and sixth in Mathematics, and Aaron  
10 Walters, fifth in Engineering Graphics; and

11 WHEREAS, The members of Gallatin County's varsity team are  
12 MaKalyn Smith, Kelsi May, Kaylee McGuire, Kaleb Burklow, Jacob  
13 Watson, Michaela Springer, Dylan Boggs, Nathan Shults, Dylan  
14 Garrison, Brody Watts, Bryon Wargel, Aaron Walters, Caitlin  
15 Lynch, and Lilly Galt; the team's coaches are Lindsay Adams and  
16 Billyjoe Menard; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 congratulate the members of the Gallatin County High School  
20 WYSE Team on the occasion of their 2016 successful season and  
21 State championship victory and wish them continued success and  
22 happiness in the future; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the Gallatin County High School WYSE Team as a  
3 symbol of our respect and esteem.