

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 158

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3 A Resolution honoring the Valley High School mock
4 trial program and congratulating its mock trial
5 team on winning the Iowa High School Mock Trial
6 State Tournament.

7 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Bar Association's high
8 school mock trial program is designed to introduce
9 students to the American legal system by providing a
10 challenging, academic competition; and

11 WHEREAS, lawyers and judges from communities
12 throughout Iowa contribute their time and talents as
13 coaches and judges at the tournaments; and

14 WHEREAS, the 24th annual Iowa High School Mock
15 Trial State Tournament was held March 16, 17, and 18
16 in Des Moines, with 32 teams from across Iowa emerging
17 from district competitions to earn the right to
18 compete at the state tournament; and

19 WHEREAS, four of these teams came from West Des
20 Moines, with three teams from West Des Moines Valley
21 High School and the fourth from Valley Southwoods
22 Freshman High School; and

23 WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 18, 2006, the West Des
24 Moines Valley team, which won the 2005 state
25 tournament, advanced to the finals, defeating a team
26 from Carroll High School; and

27 WHEREAS, two members of that team, Van Everett and
28 Elyse Lyons received outstanding attorney awards,
29 while a third member, Alex Salem, received an
30 outstanding witness award; and

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1 WHEREAS, the team will now represent Iowa in the
2 National High School Mock Trial Championship in
3 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 11 through 14, 2006; NOW
4 THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
6 That the House of Representatives congratulates team
7 members Elizabeth Barrent, Ella Doerge, Van Everett,
8 Elyse Lyons, Amy Paul, Alex Salem, Philip Sandager,
9 Tracey Shi, and Nora Tobin (currently a Senate Page),
10 coaches Gordy Allen, Jim Holcomb, Kathy Paul, and
11 Maureen Tobin, along with educator coordinator Karen
12 Downing for their championship in the 24th annual Iowa
13 High School Mock Trial State Tournament; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an
15 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for
16 presentation to the members of the 2006 Iowa High
17 School Mock Trial State Tournament team.

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