

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, two members of that team, Van Everett and Elyse Lyons received outstanding attorney awards, while a third member, Alex Salem, received an 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 SENATE, That the Senate  
6 congratulates team members Elizabeth Barrent, Ella  
7 Doerge, Van Everett, Elyse Lyons, Amy Paul, Alex  
8 Salem, Philip Sandager, Tracey Shi, and Nora Tobin  
9 (currently a Senate Page), coaches Gordy Allen, Jim  
10 Holcomb, Kathy Paul, and Maureen Tobin, along with  
11 educator coordinator Karen Downing for their  
12 championship in the 24th annual Iowa High School Mock  
13 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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