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2 By Representative Kiel
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5 2023 Regular Session



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 HONORING NORTH ALABAMA STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN
5 THE 2023 AMERICAN ROCKETRY CHALLENGE NATIONAL FINALS.

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7 WHEREAS, the American Rocketry Challenge, sponsored
8 by the Aerospace Industries Association, the National
9 Association of Rocketry, and more than 20 industry partners,
10 is the world's largest student rocketry competition; 100
11 teams representing 27 states competed at the National Finals
12 held at Great Meadow in The Plains, Virginia, on May 20,
13 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, Alabama had nine teams from eight schools
15 competing in the National Finals: Bob Jones High School,
16 Haleyville High School, West Morgan High School, Winfield
17 City High School, Hackleburg High School, Tharptown High
18 School, Lawrence County High School, and two teams from St.
19 John Paul II Catholic High School; and

20 WHEREAS, the top 25 finishers in the contest earn a
21 place in NASA's Student Launch Initiative; four Alabama
22 teams placed in the top 25: Tharptown High School earned 2nd
23 place; St. John Paul II Catholic High School's Team 2, 3rd
24 place; Hackleburg High School, 16th place; and Lawrence
25 County High School, 23rd place; and

26 WHEREAS, the 2nd place winner, Tharptown High School
27 of Russellville, earned \$15,000 for the participating
28 students and \$1,000 for the school; Tharptown High School



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29 placed in the top ten in 2022; the talented students are
30 Captain Angie Chavez, Captain Kylee Beard, Angel Garcia,
31 Shyla Martinez, Adrionna Ashley, Isabella Hall, and Addison
32 Mardis; the team sponsors are Marsha Inmon and Arianna
33 Orozco; and

34 WHEREAS, the 3rd place winner, St. John Paul II
35 Catholic High School of Huntsville, earned \$12,500 for the
36 participating students and \$1,000 for the school; St. John
37 Paul II Catholic High School returned to the National Finals
38 for the first time since 2018 and had two teams competing
39 this year; the talented students are Captain Catherine Hare,
40 Captain Sophia Damen, Zoey Jones, Katie Lowe, Julian Lowe,
41 Alex Dobbins, and Victoria Quintero; the team sponsors are
42 Brian Finzel and Duane Meyer; and

43 WHEREAS, the teams' accomplishments follow months of
44 preparation designing, building, and testing a rocket
45 capable of meeting the rigorous mission parameters set by
46 the contest's sponsors; now therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
48 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the nine teams of
49 hardworking students from the State of Alabama who
50 participated in the American Rocketry Challenge 2023
51 National Finals are highly commended for their great
52 accomplishments and achievements, with four teams placing in
53 the top 25 and two in the top five, and this resolution is
54 offered to them, along with their teachers, administrators,
55 and parents who supported them, as evidence of our high



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56 regard and with sincere best wishes for all future
57 endeavors.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 24-MAY-23.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

25-May-23

Adopted