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HJR___ CONGRATULATING THE MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL HI-Q TEAM FOR
WINNING THE 2024 ALABAMA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to recognize the Murphy
High School Hi-Q Team for winning the Alabama State
Championship, sponsored by New Horizons Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, the Hi-Q competition is the longest standing
interscholastic quiz bowl competition in the United States;
national competitions are held in four states: Alabama,
Pennsylvania, Washington, and Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the teams, which represent public, private,
and charter high schools, compete throughout the season that
begins in January and culminates with a State Championship
tournament in March of every year; and

WHEREAS, quiz questions are comprised from a robust
group of educational topics that include Current Events,
American History, Biology, Sports, Literature, Mathematics,
Shakespeare, Geography, Chemistry, Art History, Physics,
American Government, and World History; and

WHEREAS, the Murphy High School Hi-Q Team has
demonstrated exceptional determination and persistence while
preparing for this year's state championship, which was held
on March 12, 2024; in a fierce competition that came down to
the last question, Murphy edged Alma Bryant High School by
one point and placed defending state champion Baker High



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29 School in third; and

30 WHEREAS, Murphy High School's outstanding season was
31 led by Team Sponsor Lauren Boshell; under her leadership,
32 the students have strengthened their study skills, strategy,
33 teamwork, and academic knowledge; she has patiently mentored
34 them in close and meaningful reviews of study materials and
35 led collaborative discussions to encourage the greatest
36 opportunity for success; and

37 WHEREAS, displaying exceptional talent and scholastic
38 skills are seniors, Captain Marc Leyk, Hang Touch, Lillian
39 Marzullo, Molly Guarino, Rowan Tillman, Nakeria Woods, and
40 Amelia Velaski; junior, Abby Weekly; sophomores, Collin
41 Bendolph, Cecelia Camp, Quinlan DeAnda, and Korwin Harris;
42 and freshman, Piper Velaski; and

43 WHEREAS, while the Hi-Q team is comprised of 13
44 students, eight are key players on the starting line-ups;
45 the starting players consist of the 11th and 12th grade
46 students who have all been members of the team since their
47 freshman or sophomore year; the newer members are working to
48 be well-prepared to continue showcasing Murphy's academic
49 excellence in the years to come; and

50 WHEREAS, the Murphy High School Hi-Q Team is indeed a
51 group of young Alabamians of extraordinary accomplishment
52 who have brought great credit to their families, school,
53 communities, and state; now therefore,

54 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
55 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Murphy High School Hi-Q
56 Team is highly congratulated, and we hereby dedicate this



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57 resolution to the team members, school sponsor, and
58 Principal with utmost admiration, along with sincere best
59 wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.