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RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION honoring Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

Whereas, On Saturday, March 28, 2009, Thomas Jefferson Middle School placed first in the state's Science Olympiad tournament, qualifying the school to compete in the national tournament in Augusta, Georgia, in May;

Whereas, This marks the 20th consecutive year that the school, located in Valparaiso, has qualified for the national tournament, and the 17th time the school has been crowned state champion;

Whereas, Participants reach the state tournament by

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winning one of the eight regional events that are held at colleges and universities throughout Indiana;

Whereas, The Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education;

Whereas, Science Olympiad tournaments are academic interscholastic competitions following the format of popular board games, TV shows, and athletic games and consist of a series of 32 individual and team events; and

Whereas, In college and for the rest of their lives, students will find that the team spirit and good sportsmanship they developed during the Science Olympiad are two of the deciding factors in all their future successes: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 congratulates the Thomas Jefferson Middle School Science Olympiad
3 team for its first place finish at this year's state finals and its 20th
4 consecutive national tournament participation.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to team members,
7 Coach Richard Bender, Principal Paul C. Knauff, and Superintendent
8 Dr. Michael P. Benway.

