

110TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 1261

Congratulating East High School in Denver, Colorado, on winning the 2008
“We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution” national competition.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2008

Ms. DEGETTE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Congratulating East High School in Denver, Colorado, on
winning the 2008 “We the People: The Citizen and the
Constitution” national competition.

Whereas in order to preserve our democracy, it is important
that an indepth understanding of the documents upon
which our Nation was founded is passed on from genera-
tion to generation;

Whereas students in the “We the People: The Citizen and the
Constitution” competition demonstrate their under-
standing of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, along
with the documents’ contemporary significance by partici-
pating in simulated congressional hearings;

Whereas the “We the People” competition, founded in 1987
on the bicentennial of the adoption of the Constitution,
celebrates its 21st consecutive year in 2008;

Whereas in the 21 years of competition, East High School has gone to the “We the People” national finals 19 times, placed in the Top Ten 16 times, placed in the Top Three 8 times, and placed in the Top Two 4 times;

Whereas on May 5, 2008, East High School placed first in the national “We the People” competition;

Whereas East High School placed first for the second year in a row, and for the third time in the school’s history, the previous times being in 2007 and 1992; and

Whereas the 27 team members exhibited an extraordinary grasp of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the East High School team on
3 winning the 2008 “We the People: The Citizen and
4 then Constitution” national competition;

5 (2) recognizes the academic accomplishments of
6 Isabel Breit, Nicholas Brown, Maya Burchette, Nitai
7 Deitel, Gideon Hertz, Gideon Irving, Katherine
8 Jablonski, Gavin Jacobs, Noah Kaplan, Brendan
9 Lamarre, Zachary Lass, Alexandria Leenatali, Rich-
10 ard Londer, Nathan Mackenzie, Rebecca Nathanson,
11 Alyse Opatowski, Marley Pierce, Alyssa Roberts,
12 Paige Romer, Hayley Round, Ryan Saunders, Lind-
13 say Shields, Jeffrey Thalhoffer, Shaquille Turner,
14 Charlotte Vilkus, Taylor Want, and Jacob Zax;

1 (3) recognizes the guidance and commitment of
2 coach Susan McHugh;

3 (4) recognizes the work of Loyal Darr, “We the
4 People” coordinator for Colorado’s First District;
5 and

6 (5) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
7 atives to transmit a copy of this resolution to Denver
8 School District Superintendent Michael Bennet and
9 coach Susan McHugh for appropriate display.

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