

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 324

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Isidore Newman School speech and debate team on winning the 2025 Louisiana High School Speech League State Tournament

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Isidore Newman School speech and debate team on winning the 2025
3 Louisiana High School Speech League State Tournament.

4 WHEREAS, the Isidore Newman School speech and debate team claimed the Overall
5 State Debate Champions title and numerous individual awards at the 2025 Louisiana High
6 School Speech League State Tournament in Lafayette, Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, the Isidore Newman speech and debate team is made up of fifty-seven
8 students, forty-six of whom qualified for the state tournament; the state tournament consisted
9 of a variety of competitions, including Lincoln Douglas debate, policy debate, public forum
10 debate, congressional debate, extemporaneous speaking, impromptu speaking, and
11 informative speaking; and

12 WHEREAS, thirty-one members of the Isidore Newman speech and debate team
13 were named to the All-State Speech Team; and

14 WHEREAS, Isidore Newman delivered an incredible performance across the board
15 at the state tournament; in the Advanced Public Forum Debate competition, Amar Walia and
16 Sam Elichman claimed first place and were named state champions, Henry Leyens and Aditi
17 Shridhar were named co-champions, and Morgan Breau and Zoila Linares tied for third
18 place; Amar Walia was also selected as Top Speaker; and

1 WHEREAS, in the Advanced Lincoln Douglas Debate competition, Andrew Brandt
2 and Jackson Dirks tied for first place and were named state champions; Dylan Carey, Russell
3 Huber, and Miles Bordelon were recognized as co-champions; in the Novice Lincoln
4 Douglas Debate competition, Beau Dirks placed first and was named state champion and
5 Henry Drew was named co-champion; and

6 WHEREAS, in the Advanced Policy Debate competition, Shrey Agrawal and Gunnar
7 Wentz shared third place with Sabie DeBiase and Vivan Zhou; Aria Jolly was named
8 2nd Overall Speaker, and Hudson Nguyen was named 3rd Overall Speaker; in the
9 Congressional Debate competition, Aria Jolly placed first and was named state champion,
10 Lexie Toshav placed third, Andrew Brandt placed fourth, Jiya Jolly Placed fifth, Russell
11 Huber placed sixth, and Jacob Valentino placed eighth; and

12 WHEREAS, in the Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking competition, Lexie Toshav
13 placed first, Russell Huber placed second, Andrew Brandt placed fourth, Aria Jolly placed
14 fifth, and Jackson Dirks placed sixth; Wyatt Conner placed third in the Novice
15 Extemporaneous Speaking competition; and

16 WHEREAS, in the Novice Impromptu Speaking competition, Wyatt Conner placed
17 third, Julia Rai placed fourth, and Henry Leyens placed fifth; in the Varsity Impromptu
18 Speaking competition, Lexie Toshav placed first, Aria Jolly placed third, and Andrew Brandt
19 placed fifth; Wendy Sun placed fifth in the Informative Speaking competition, and Lexie
20 Toshav was the winner of the Forensics Award; and

21 WHEREAS, the members of the Isidore Newman School speech and debate team are
22 most deserving of the highest recognition for their incredible achievements at the
23 tournament.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Isidore Newman School speech and
26 debate team on winning the 2025 Louisiana High School Speech League State Tournament
27 and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the members of the team continue their
28 excellent work and always strive for greatness in all of their endeavors.

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