



RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, CONGRATULATING THE JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL TEAM “NOT NECESSARILY”: THE 2017 INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION STATE CHAMPIONS

Whereas, one of the many programs sponsored by the Indiana Bar Foundation is the Annual Indiana High School Mock Trial Competition, held on March 4-5, in Indianapolis, Indiana, included teams from high schools in northeast, northwest and central Indiana; and

Whereas, the purpose of the Indiana Mock Trial program is “to stimulate and encourage a deeper understanding and appreciation of the American legal system, by providing students the opportunity to learn the judicial system through a hands-on experience. Through mock trials, students gain an understanding of society’s approach to dispute resolution and justice through an experiential learning opportunity”; and

Whereas, the South Bend Common Council is especially proud to congratulate each and every John Adams High School student who participated this year in the Indiana High School Mock Trial Competition. The John Adams’ Mock Trial Program has won 18 State Mock Trial Championships and 2 National Titles. The school’s program was founded by Mike Szucs and is the largest mock trial program in the country. This year’s roster included 87 students, 16 coaches, 2 sponsors, and 1 mentor, and the championship round versus Carmel High School was presided by Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven H. David.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana, as follows:

Section I. On behalf of the residents of the City of South Bend, the South Bend Common Council is proud to publicly commend, honor, and sincerely congratulate all of the John Adams High School students who participated in the 2017 Indiana High School Mock Trial Competition; Principal James Seitz; Teacher Sponsors: Donna Sharp and Nicholas Leatherman; Coaches; all of the volunteer attorneys; and the family and friends who helped to prepare and support all of these competing high school students who have brought honor to themselves, John Adams High School, and the South Bend Community.

Section II. The 2017 Indiana High School Mock Trial Competition State Champions: (Not Necessarily) composed of eight (8) John Adams High School students: **Amanda Brewster, Ana Marie Broden, Alice Goulding, Elijah Grammer, Brendan Hayner-Slattry, Robert Howard, Douglas Moody and Abi Trzaskowski; and their Coaches: Judge John Broden and Judy Shroyer** will now represent the City of South Bend, Indiana, in the national competition to be held this May in Hartford, Connecticut. *Congratulations for a job extremely well done and good luck at Nationals!!*

Section III. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

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Attest:

Approved this ___ day of April, 2017.

Kareemah N. Fowler, City Clerk

Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend