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**UH Debate Celebration Resolution**

**Whereas,** the City of Houston has declared the day of April 10<sup>th</sup> UH Debate Day.

**Whereas,** Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee commended Rob Glass, Dr. Ricky Garner, and the UH Debate Team for hosting CEDA, famously known as the People's Tournament.

**Whereas,** Congresswoman Shelia Jackson commended UH Debater Nine Abad for exemplifying the values of integrity, leadership, diligence, and hard work within our community.

**Whereas,** Nine Abad, Bryce Sheffield, Kiran Khan, and Sripad Yadigiri made it to the National Debate Tournament – the most selective debate tournament of all time because of exceptional debate skill and performance during the season.

**Whereas,** Hector Doratt and Aaron Fernandez were octo-finalists in the Open division of the CEDA National Tournament.

**Whereas,** Aaron Fernandez, Hector Doratt, Nine Abad, and Bryce Sheffield won the JV division of the ADA National Tournament.

**Whereas,** Kiran Khan and Sripad Yadigiri were quarterfinalists in the Open division of the CEDA National Tournament.

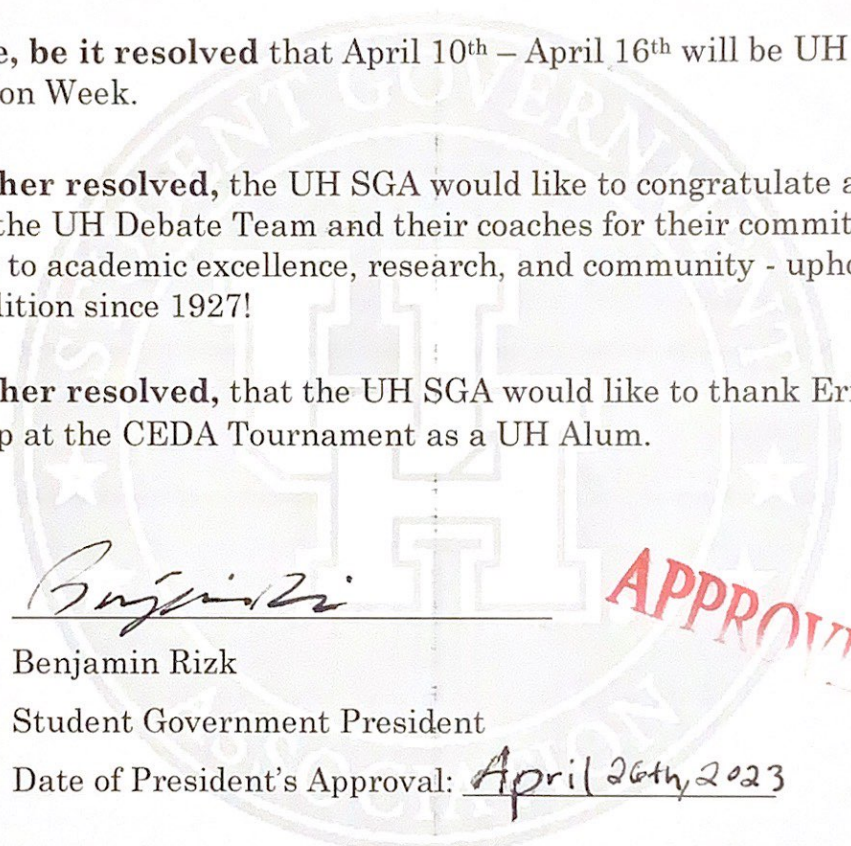
**Whereas,** Raquel Threat and Sydney Lacer were quarterfinalists in the Novice division of the CEDA National Tournament.

**Whereas,** Saron Regassa and Deaunte Johnson won the Novice division of the CEDA National Tournament, marking the second consecutive year that UH has won the tournament!

**Therefore, be it resolved** that April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup> will be UH Debate Appreciation Week.

**Be it further resolved,** the UH SGA would like to congratulate and recognize the UH Debate Team and their coaches for their commitment and dedication to academic excellence, research, and community - upholding a proud tradition since 1927!

**Be it further resolved,** that the UH SGA would like to thank Eric Lanning for his help at the CEDA Tournament as a UH Alum.

  
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