

House Resolution 1049

By: Representative Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2009 Starr's Mill High School winners of the Georgia state  
2 competition of the National Economics Challenge in the David Ricardo Division; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the 2009 Council on Economic Education/Goldman Sachs Foundation National  
5 Economics Challenge, a competition testing the economics knowledge of teams from high  
6 schools around Georgia in a quiz bowl-style competition, was held in Atlanta on March 21  
7 at Georgia Public Broadcasting; and

8 WHEREAS, working individually and in teams, students answered questions relating to  
9 microeconomics, macroeconomics, international economic understanding, and current events  
10 related to economic issues; and

11 WHEREAS, competition was divided between the Adam Smith Division, for students with  
12 one semester of economics or enrollment in Advanced Placement, International  
13 Baccalaureate, honors, or two-semester courses, and the David Ricardo Division, for students  
14 enrolled in an economics course of one semester or less; and

15 WHEREAS, a team from Starr's Mill High School of the Fayette County Public Schools won  
16 first place in the David Ricardo Division; and

17 WHEREAS, from a field of five teams in the David Ricardo Division, the Starr's Mill High  
18 School team of Keegan Christensen, Joseph Morrow, Ben Payne, and Kendall Reeves,  
19 coached by economics teacher Mark DeCourcy, won first place by demonstrating a superior  
20 knowledge of economics and how our American free market system works; and

21 WHEREAS, the members of this body know that in these challenging times, economics has  
22 never been more essential, the teaching of it more necessary, and the academic

23 accomplishments of these young students more important to the future of Georgia and our  
24 nation; and

25 WHEREAS, the hope we place in young people like these, that they will lead our state, our  
26 nation, and our world to a better era of prosperity, is a substantial burden on their shoulders,  
27 and this early test shows that these Fayette County students are up to the challenge.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Keegan Christensen, Joseph Morrow, Ben Payne,  
30 Kendall Reeve, and economics teacher Mark DeCourcy for their outstanding effort and  
31 commitment to learning economics and wish them good luck as they move on to the regional  
32 competition in Atlanta on April 27.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mark DeCourcy, Starr's Mill  
35 High School economics teacher.