



## Legislation Text

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### Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

### Title

Congratulating the James Madison Memorial High School Forensics Team, champions of the 2015 Wisconsin Forensic Coaches Association State Tournament, and celebrating Madison's strong traditions in high school forensics excellence.

### Body

WHEREAS, extra and co-curricular activities at the high school level teach important team and life skills and students as individuals may find interest in one of any number of different activities; and,

WHEREAS, public speaking is a life skill of tremendous importance which will serve students participating in forensics throughout their further education and careers; and,

WHEREAS, Memorial, West, East, and La Follette high schools each have strong forensics traditions; and,

WHEREAS, each of these high schools' programs advanced students to one of two state tournaments in the 2014-2015 season; and,

WHEREAS, the James Madison Memorial High School Spartan Forensics Team finished the 2014-2015 season as State Champs for the eight consecutive year in the Wisconsin Forensic Coaches Association tournament for a total of twelve State Championships in 15 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Spartan team is comprised of students from 9th through 12th grade who prepare for the competition throughout the school year and involves over 90 students; and,

WHEREAS, the team sent students to the State tournament to compete in 25 categories; and,

WHEREAS, 6 students were declared State Champions, 7 students were awarded second place, 2 students were awarded fourth place, 1 student was awarded fifth place, 1 student was awarded sixth place and 3 students were semi-finalists, placing the Spartans first with 324 team points; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Thomas Hardin with the assistance of Tim Scheffler, Josh Newland, Susan Jorneby, Melanie Hardin, Greg Mawer, Teague Mawer, David Hoffert and David Olson assisted the team and individual members to achieve excellence; and,

WHEREAS, the Madison community is proud of the teamwork, dedication and spirit demonstrated by the students of the Spartan Forensics Team; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council wishes to recognize the strong support for the Spartan Forensics Team by principal Jay Affeldt, parents, student body, faculty, staff and all Spartan fans everywhere,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council congratulates Coach Tom Hardin, his assistant coaches and the entire Spartan Forensics Team on their successful season and their

2015 State Championship.