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DSHS STUDENTS EXCEL AT STATE COMPETITION

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas— Dripping Springs High School debate students Ryan Love and Cole Crawford had outstanding showings at the 5A UIL State Student Congress competition held last week. Love, a junior, finished fifth in the state and Crawford, a senior, was 15th.

These two students competed against 50 other students from across the state of Texas. Within this mock legislative assembly competition, contestants draft legislation (proposed laws and position statements) submitted to the tournament, and they research the docket of bills and resolutions dealing with real-world social and political policies prior to the contest to prepare their speeches. At the tournament, students caucus in committees, deliver formal discourse on the merits and disadvantages of each piece of legislation, and vote to pass or defeat the measures they have examined. Parliamentary procedure forms structure for the discourse, and students extemporaneously respond to others' arguments over the course of a session.

These students spent 14 hours debating legislation on their congressional docket. Both Love and Crawford advanced to the final round of "Super Congress" and had the honor of competing at the Texas State Capitol.

This is the just the second time that the UIL has hosted a state competition in Student Congress.

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