



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS: The Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition engages students in the study of mathematics and provides them with a unique opportunity to publically display their intellectual talents; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's state middle school math team placed fourth in the nation at the 2017 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition, earning the highest ranking in the team's history; and

WHEREAS: William Shi, Holden Watson, Aaron Yu and Lawrence Zhou came together from four different schools to represent the State of Georgia on the national level. Additionally, Mr. Watson placed eighth in the nation out of more than 225 middle school students; and

WHEREAS: Under the leadership of Sema Duzyol, Georgia's 2017 state team coach and Fulton Science Academy math department chair, Georgia advanced from a national ranking of 28th to fourth place in only two years; and

WHEREAS: Members of Georgia's state middle school math team have demonstrated a true passion for their education that extends beyond the classroom. They have proudly represented their schools, communities and the State of Georgia, and earned the respect and admiration of their fellow citizens; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend

GEORGIA'S STATE MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEAM.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of June, 2017.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

CHIEF OF STAFF