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Commending Cole Valley Christian School Science Bowl Team

Madame Speaker, I rise today to recognize an elite group of students from Cole Valley Christian School in Meridian, Idaho. Christopher Barker, Maxwell Greenlee, Timothy Segert, Adam Tucker and Phillip Grafft will represent Idaho in the 18th annual U.S. Department of Energy National Science Bowl competition in Washington, D.C.

The National Science Bowl is an academic challenge involving more than 12,000 high school students across the country. From January through March, regional elimination tournaments were held across the country and the group of four seniors and one junior from Cole Valley Christian prevailed. The 67 winning teams have won the opportunity to compete at the national finals in Washington, D.C. May 1-6, 2008.

The mission of the National Science Bowl is to encourage students to excel in science and math, and to pursue careers in those fields. I am proud to congratulate Christopher, Maxwell, Timothy, Adam and Phillip who represent the best of our next generation of scientists, engineers and educators.

The competition is in a fast-paced question and answer format. The students prepared during their lunch break under the guidance of Coach Lola Lynch. Ms. Lynch is described by the students simply as "awesome." I thank her for all the dedication, support, and encouragement she has lent to the students. Though Ms. Lynch is unable to attend the competition in D.C., the students will be diligently coached by Tim Berggren.

When asked if they will win the students said they hope so. But even more, they hope to represent God and Idaho as best as possible.

Christopher, Maxwell, Timothy, Adam, Phillip, Coach Lynch and Coach Berggren: I wish you the best of luck at the Science Bowl. Congratulations on your efforts thus far, you are fine representatives of Idaho.