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Thank you, Mr. Speaker,


I rise today to congratulate River City Science Academy of Jacksonville, Florida for winning the State Championship in the Science Olympiad, and for their excellent representation in the National Competition that took place in Ft Collins, Colorado on May 19, 2018.

This remarkable achievement marks the first time a school from Duval County has won the State Competition, and I couldn't be more proud of the students, teachers, and parents that came together to achieve this outstanding victory.

My district is home to some of the brightest students in the country – and the academic excellence of River City is just more proof of the robust STEM programs that we facilitate back home.

This STEM education is so important in a highly competitive, technologically driven economy, and I am thankful for the educators who dedicate their lives to training the next scientists, mathematicians, and engineers.

Congratulations once again to the River City Science Academy for leading the way, and I look forward to hearing of your many successes yet to come.



John Rutherford
Member of Congress