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### **County Commissioners Honor EPHS Mock Trial Team**

EL PASO, Texas - El Paso Commissioners Court honored the team of El Paso High School students who won the Region 19 Mock Trial Competition with a resolution Monday morning.

The team will proudly represent the Borderland in the 46th Annual Texas High School Mock Trial Competition, which will be held on March 7-8 in Dallas.

El Paso High was one of nine schools competing in the regional competition in January, held in the Enrique Moreno County Courthouse in Downtown El Paso. The students spent numerous hours weekly building up the prosecution and defense angles on a case provided by the state mock trial office in the fall of 2024. They also had to prepare opening and closing statements and become versed in legal statutes that pertained to their arguments. Some students had to learn how to testify as witnesses for either the prosecution or the defense.

The resolution was accepted by the entire team, some parents, and the team's attorney coaches. It was read into the record at the beginning of the Feb. 24 Commissioners Court meeting.

Commissioner David Stout, whose precinct includes El Paso High, introduced the resolution and acknowledged the lawyers both on the Commissioners Court, Judge Selena Solis of the 243rd District Court and Jed Untereker for serving as the teams' attorney coaches, and El Paso's legal community as a whole.

"Lawyers are essential for the functioning of a democratic republic," Stout said. "My thanks to the District Attorney's Office for organizing this competition, and I want to commend the other teams who participated."

The El Paso District Attorney's Office looks forward to expanding the number of school teams, attorneys, and judges participating in the 2026 Regional Mock Trial Competition.

For more information on how to participate in the competition, please contact Stephanie Valle, the District Attorney's Office Special Projects Administrator, at [s.valle@epcounty.com](mailto:s.valle@epcounty.com).