

Congratulating the
Clark High School Science Olympiad Team
HON. DEAN HELLER
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Mr. HELLER: Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Las Vegas' Ed W. Clark High School Science Olympiad Team. This group of outstanding high school students from my home state of Nevada recently accomplished something truly extraordinary in the area of environmental science by earning a first place gold medal in the Science Olympiad National Tournament.

The National Science Olympiad Tournament brings together students from all over the country to test their skills in a variety of scientific disciplines. This year, the competition included nearly 6,000 top science students from across the United States, including 42 students from Clark High School in Las Vegas. Clark High School's Science Olympiad Team, led by students Michael Zhou and Zachary Shattler, and coaches Sidney Lupu, James Miller and Jeffrey Viggato, took first place in the Water Quality event of the competition, marking the first time any Nevada team has won a gold medal at this national event. It is especially noteworthy that this award was given in an area of science that is of particular interest to my home state of Nevada, namely water quality.

Without a doubt, this scholastic achievement was earned through significant effort and teamwork on the part of these exceptional students and educators, and they have made the state of Nevada immensely proud. I congratulate Clark High School's Science Olympiad Team, and Principal Jillyn Pendleton and Assistant Principal Joseph Winfield, on earning this well-deserved recognition.