



PROCLAMATION

Honoring Jack Plemper, Invited Presenter at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History

- WHEREAS: The DeKalb County Board of Education is committed to excellence in education and fostering a love of history and critical thinking in all our students; and a strong foundation in historical research and analysis is essential for student success; and
- WHEREAS: Druid Hills High School student, Jack Plemper, has demonstrated exceptional academic dedication with his Senior Level Exhibit, titled "Bukhara: Despots to Dictators," which aligned with the 2026 National History Day theme of "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History"; and Jack earned 1st place at the District level and 1st place at the Regional level, followed by a 2nd place finish at the State level, securing his place in the national competition; and
- WHEREAS: Jack's outstanding performance advanced him to the National NHD competition at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland, June 14-18, 2026, where, alongside the guidance of his sponsoring teacher Christoff Murray, Jack was chosen as an "invited presenter" in the Exhibit Showcase at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and was invited by the President of Georgia Humanities to present his project to their Board of Directors in Washington, D.C.
- THEREFORE: Be it known that the DeKalb County School District recognizes Jack Plemper for his extraordinary achievements in the National History Day Competition and his exemplary representation of DeKalb County schools on a national stage. Jack's passion for historical scholarship serves as an inspiration to all students. The Board congratulates Jack, his sponsoring teacher Christoff Murray, and his family on this remarkable accomplishment.




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