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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 489

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*Commending Falls Church's Premier Athletics Club '97 Fusion girls' soccer team.*

Patrons—Kory, Ebbin, Englin, Herring, Keam, Plum, Scott, J.M., Surovell and Toscano; Senator: Whipple

WHEREAS, Falls Church's Premier Athletics Club (AC) '97 Fusion soccer team, an under-12 girls' travel squad of the US Youth Soccer League, is the winner of the national *Diski Dance Your Way to South Africa* contest and the recipient of a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the 2010 World Cup host country; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 World Cup tournament will be held between June 11 and July 11, 2010, in South Africa, the first time the tournament will be hosted by an African nation; and

WHEREAS, South African Tourism partnered with South African Airways, US Youth Soccer League, and World Cup sponsor Coca-Cola to conduct the innovative and fun *Diski Dance Your Way to South Africa* contest; and

WHEREAS, the *Diski Dance Your Way to South Africa* contest, open to youth soccer players from across America, invited teams to film themselves performing the "Diski" dance; and

WHEREAS, the winning Diski routine was required to be an original dance based on soccer moves that celebrates the excitement soccer enthusiasts feel about the World Cup being held in South Africa; the devotion players have for the sport of soccer; and the unique rhythm, sound, and culture of the host country; and

WHEREAS, the Premier AC '97 Fusion team won the *Diski Dance Your Way to South Africa* competition by creating their own special dance, choreographing the dance movements, and perfecting and filming their performance for the judges; and

WHEREAS, chosen from among five very creative team finalists, the Premier AC '97 Fusion team showcased their winning dance moves on the soccer field, in front of the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial, and during a heavy snowfall; and

WHEREAS, the Premier AC '97 Fusion team has received national recognition in the media; and the girls, coaches, and parents will be treated to an exciting 8-day, 7-night trip to South Africa in March 2010, where they will visit Johannesburg and Cape Town, tour an official World Cup facility and the Pilanesberg National Park, and play a soccer match against a top South African youth soccer team; and

WHEREAS, the Premier AC '97 Fusion team raised funds for soccer clothing, equipment, cleats, balls, and other gear to take to South Africa to thank their hosts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Premier Athletics Club '97 Fusion team from Falls Church as the winner of the national *Diski Dance Your Way to South Africa* contest; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Premier Athletics Club '97 Fusion team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their winning performance and gratitude for their exemplary role as goodwill ambassadors of the Commonwealth.

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