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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 775

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Commending Chris and Jennie Simms.

Patron—Barlow

WHEREAS, Chris and Jennie Simms of Sedley received the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers Excellence in Agriculture Award at the 92nd American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the award is given annually to an individual or couple actively involved in agriculture and the Farm Bureau and other civic organizations, but who do not derive a majority of annual income from an owned production agricultural enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Chris Simms has been employed by Colonial Farm Credit for 11 years and is a relationship manager in the organization's Commercial Loan Group while Jennie Simms has held administrative positions for Smithfield Foods Inc. and is a licensed realtor; and

WHEREAS, together, the Simms operate an agricultural blog and have developed a series of geocaches for the purpose of promoting Virginia agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Chris and Jennie Simms both serve on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers Committee, while Chris Simms is the immediate past vice-chairman of the committee for Virginia; and

WHEREAS, both Chris and Jennie Simms have served in various capacities in a number of community service organizations over the years and have received many awards and accolades for their commitment to excellence and service; and

WHEREAS, as recipients of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers Excellence in Agriculture Award, Chris and Jennie Simms received a travel package to the 2011 American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention and the 2011 Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers Winter Expo and were awarded a 2011 Ram 1500 pickup from Dodge; and

WHEREAS, Chris and Jennie Simms represent a young and vibrant part of the agricultural community in the Commonwealth, which bodes well for the future of the agricultural industry in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Chris and Jennie Simms as recipients of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers Excellence in Agriculture Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chris and Jennie Simms as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for their community involvement and commitment to agriculture in the Commonwealth.

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