

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 165

Commending Brian Walsh.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 31, 2014
Agreed to by the Senate, February 6, 2014

WHEREAS, Brian Walsh, a sophomore at Virginia Tech, was selected as the 2013 - 2014 National FFA Organization president on November 2, 2013, at the organization's national convention in Louisville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, a native of Woodstock, Brian Walsh has been raising and showing livestock since he was nine years old; he joined the FFA (Future Farmers of America) organization when he entered Central High School; and

WHEREAS, a hardworking and intelligent student, Brian Walsh honed his leadership skills as an FFA member at Central High School, serving as president, vice president, and secretary of the high school chapter; and

WHEREAS, Brian Walsh was a member of four state-winning FFA teams while in high school—Meats Evaluation, Agricultural Sales, Food Science, and Agricultural Issues Forum; and

WHEREAS, Brian Walsh served as the state FFA president of Virginia for the 2011 - 2012 term and also works at the Virginia FFA Association office; and

WHEREAS, Brian Walsh underwent a rigorous review process as one of 42 candidates for national office, undergoing several days and rounds of interviews in addition to extemporaneous speaking assignments; and

WHEREAS, Brian Walsh is one of only four national presidents of FFA to come from the Commonwealth since the organization was founded in 1928; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary representative of the Commonwealth and nation, Brian Walsh will travel around the United States and other parts of the world during his tenure to train other members, promote leadership, and serve as an ambassador for FFA and American agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Brian Walsh was recognized for this singular achievement at a special reception in his honor on November 23, 2013, at Central High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Brian Walsh on his selection as the 2013 - 2014 National FFA Organization president; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brian Walsh as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations, admiration for his extraordinary accomplishments, and best wishes in his future endeavors.

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