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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 267

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Commending Mattie Sites.

Patrons—Farrell; Senator: Reeves

WHEREAS, Mattie Sites, a generous Louisa County resident, has donated her time and talents to help raise money for people without access to clean water; and

WHEREAS, while attending a faith-based children's camp, Mattie Sites watched a video on water shortages in Africa and decided she could make a difference; and

WHEREAS, over 1.5 million people on earth have no access to clean, safe drinking water; approximately 4,000 children die daily from treatable diseases contracted from unsafe water supplies, with 98 percent of these deaths occurring in the developing world; and

WHEREAS, during a drought in the African nation of Malawi, women and children could spend up to eight hours a day traveling to distant wells to retrieve water that may not be potable; and

WHEREAS, along with two cousins, Mattie Sites organized a yard sale to raise funds to support the construction of a deep-bore well in Malawi; experiencing success, she worked with the members of her church to organize a larger yard sale; and

WHEREAS, exceeding her goal, Mattie Sites raised over \$1,600 at the church yard sale on September 14, 2013; to date, she has raised over \$2,900 for her cause; and

WHEREAS, through her passion to help others, Mattie Sites honorably represents the Louisa County community and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mattie Sites for her work to help families with no access to clean water; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mattie Sites as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her determination, selflessness, and care for her fellow man.

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