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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

Offered February 4, 2014

Commending SySTEMic Solutions.

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WHEREAS, SySTEMic Solutions, a regional organization developed by Northern Virginia Community College to build a pipeline for students pursuing opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, received a Governor's Award for science innovation in 2014; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2010, SySTEMic Solutions is a partnership between school divisions, businesses, universities, and community organizations in Northern Virginia; the organization encourages elementary and high school students to pursue higher education and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields; and

WHEREAS, organized by Northern Virginia Community College, the largest educational institution in the Commonwealth, SySTEMic Solutions achieved great success in Prince William County and is currently expanding to reach thousands of students throughout Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, using creative programs and innovative methods, SySTEMic Solutions has instilled a love for STEM in countless elementary and high school students; the organization offers robotics camps, science contests, and professional development for teachers; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of SySTEMic Solutions' many contributions to the Commonwealth, the organization received a Governor's Award for science innovation at a special ceremony at the Science Museum of Virginia on January 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SySTEMic Solutions has played an essential role in building a strong future for the Commonwealth by ensuring that students are prepared for the growing opportunities in STEM fields; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That SySTEMic Solutions, an outstanding organization that encourages students pursuing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and careers, hereby be commended on receiving a Governor's Award for science innovation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Amy Harris, director of SySTEMic Solutions, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's vision, hard work, and dedication to making the Commonwealth a leader in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.