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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 122
Offered February 17, 2014
Commending Shidogakuin Kendo Dojo.

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WHEREAS, Kendo, meaning "Way of the sword," is a Japanese martial art derived from 16th century traditional swordsmanship using bamboo swords and protective armor for training; it is widely practiced throughout Japan, the United States, and many other nations around the world; and

WHEREAS, Kendo is a physically and mentally challenging activity that combines martial arts practices and values with strenuous physical activity; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of practicing Kendo is to mold the mind and body, to cultivate a vigorous spirit, and through correct and rigid training, to strive for improvement in the sword martial arts and to forever pursue the cultivation of oneself; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Shozo Kato moved to the United States to study photography at the Pratt Institute of Art in New York City and continued to practice Kendo as a pastime; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Shozo Kato with the encouragement of Dr. Tsuyoshi Inoshita established a training school where both students and teachers were taught to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, Shidogakuin Kendo Dojo instructors have excelled at the international level, most notably senior instructor Shozo Kato, who has achieved the rank of Kendo 8th dan (black belt) and Iaido 7th dan; and

WHEREAS, Shidogakuin Kendo Dojo has experienced great success and expanded from a single dojo in Manhattan to an organization that includes dojos along the East Coast, including a location in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Shidogakuin Kendo Dojo hereby be commended on its 30 year anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Shidogakuin Kendo Dojo as an expression of the House of Delegates' gratitude for its service to youth and adult martial arts students in the Commonwealth.