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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 170

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Commending the West Springfield High School drama team.

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WHEREAS, the West Springfield High School drama team won the Virginia High School League Group 6A North Regional one-act play championship in February 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the West Springfield drama team won district, regional, and state competitions with a compelling, emotional piece about a teenager living with autism; and

WHEREAS, for the 2013 - 2014 season, the West Springfield drama team performed *Nerdicus (My Brother with Autism)*, a semi-biographical play that follows Eddie, a student with autism, his sister, Rachel, and their parents, all of whom are based on drama director Bernie DeLeo's own family; and

WHEREAS, senior Austin Morrison was honored as the Outstanding Male Actor in the region for his portrayal of Eddie; and

WHEREAS, with the regional victory, the West Springfield drama team earned a place in the Virginia High School League Group 6A state championship at Piedmont Virginia Community College in Charlottesville in March 2014; it is the team's second consecutive appearance in the state finals; and

WHEREAS, the team's victory is a testament to the hard work and talents of each member of the cast and crew, the leadership of Bernie DeLeo, and the enthusiastic support of the entire West Springfield High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the West Springfield High School drama team hereby be commended on winning the Virginia High School League Group 6A North Regional one-act play championship in February 2014; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bernie DeLeo, drama director of West Springfield High School, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the drama team's achievements and best wishes for the future.

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