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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5014

Offered March 28, 2014

*Commending Project Lake Fleming.*

Patrons—Kilgore; Senator: Carrico

WHEREAS, Project Lake Fleming, a volunteer organization in Gate City, has served the community by preserving the Lake Fleming Wetlands and converting the area into an outdoor classroom and recreational area; and

WHEREAS, Project Lake Fleming was first envisioned by Dawn Williams, a science teacher at Gate City Middle School who hoped to transform the overgrown, two-acre wetlands into an educational resource for her students that would also benefit the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, with the help of a dedicated group of volunteers, who put in more than 6,000 hours of work, and several government organizations and businesses, Project Lake Fleming began to enhance and beautify the wetlands; and

WHEREAS, volunteers for Project Lake Fleming removed overgrown brush, laid gravel and plank walkways, deepened the pond and stocked it with fish, built birdhouses and bat boxes, created two rain gardens, and installed a shelter for visitors and students; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Fleming Wetlands and Outdoor Learning Area now provides educational and recreational benefits to the Gate City community; the project has directly helped local residents by controlling standing water and decreasing the mosquito population; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its outstanding work, Project Lake Fleming earned the 2014 Natural Resource Conservation Service Virginia Earth Team Partnership Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Project Lake Fleming for providing a place for students and members of the community to relax, enjoy nature, and learn about the importance of conservation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dawn Williams of Gate City Middle School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for Project Lake Fleming's contributions to the community.

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