2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5113

Commending the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 12, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, June 12, 2014

WHEREAS, the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team demonstrated its knowledge of environmental science and natural resource management by winning the Virginia Envirothon competition; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Envirothon, sponsored by the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Commonwealth's 47 soil and water conservation districts, was held May 18 and 19, 2014, at Sweet Briar College in Lynchburg; and

WHEREAS, Envirothon is an innovative competition that provides high school students with the opportunity to learn about environmental and natural resource management issues, develop problem-solving and presentation skills, and gain exposure to careers in the natural resources field; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team competed against teams from 16 other schools to complete seven "in-the-field" test stations, consisting of projects related to soils, wildlife, aquatics, forestry, and current environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team placed first in the wildlife, forestry, and special topics categories to claim victory; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team will travel to Chicago in August 2014 to compete at the national level; and

WHEREAS, the victory is a testament to the hard work of the students, the leadership of the coaches and advisors, and the enthusiastic support of the entire Fort Defiance High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team on winning the Virginia Envirothon competition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their skill and determination.