

# 2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5166

*Commending the Cople Elementary School Problem Solvers team.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 18, 2014

Agreed to by the Senate, September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, the Cople Elementary School Problem Solvers team of Hague took first place in the Junior Division of the 2014 Community Problem Solving competition at the Future Problem Solving Program International, Inc., conference; and

WHEREAS, Community Problem Solving encourages students to use creative and critical thinking skills to address current health and social issues; the program helps students develop a vision for the future and cultivate leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, the Cople Elementary School Problem Solvers team researched and chose the issue of bullying and used Future Problem Solving methods and models to develop the "Buddies, not Bullies" program; and

WHEREAS, the Cople Elementary School Problem Solvers team presented anti-bullying programs at Cople Elementary School and Montross Middle School and worked with the Westmoreland County School Board to institute a No Name Calling Week in March; the team's efforts reduced instances of bullying and helped build a more positive environment for students; and

WHEREAS, after winning the state competition in April 2014, the Cople Elementary School Problem Solvers team represented the Commonwealth at the Community Problem Solving competition at Iowa State University on June 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Cople Elementary School Problem Solvers team wrote a report on the success of their program, created a three-dimensional display, and completed an interview with evaluators to claim the Junior Division title; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Cople Elementary School Problem Solvers team—Grace Blair, Dontrelle Coleman, Abby Sudduth, Lucy Shryock, Justin Sumiel, and Mackenzie Zimmerman—contributed to the victory; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Cople Elementary School Problem Solvers team on winning the 2014 Community Problem Solving Junior Division competition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Andrew Woodrow and Anne Evans, coaches of the Cople Elementary School Problem Solvers team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's accomplishments and best wishes for the future.

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