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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 517

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Commending Donna Henderson.

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WHEREAS, Donna Henderson of Botetourt County was named the Farm Woman of the Year on March 22, 2014, at the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Women's Conference in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, the largest farmer's advocacy group in the Commonwealth, presents the Farm Woman of the Year award to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to her family, business, and community; and

WHEREAS, Donna Henderson helped prepare the youth of the Roanoke area for higher education, careers, and responsible citizenship as a teacher at a Roanoke high school for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, after her retirement as a teacher in 1995, Donna Henderson was able to dedicate more time to Cave Hill Farm, the 400-cow dairy she operates with her husband, Jerry; the Hendersons milk approximately 130 registered Holsteins and grow 300 acres of corn and hay; and

WHEREAS, Donna and Jerry Henderson offer tours of their farm to visitors and students and support the local Future Farmers of America chapter by hosting an annual picnic; and

WHEREAS, Donna Henderson serves as the treasurer of the Botetourt County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and works to enhance the community as an active member of several other civic organizations and committees; and

WHEREAS, Donna Henderson is an exemplar of the dedication, hard work, and commitment to providing a safe, locally grown food supply shown by farmers throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, as the Farm Woman of the Year award winner, Donna Henderson received \$500 from the Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Donna Henderson hereby be commended on being named the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation's 2014 Farm Woman of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Donna Henderson as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her achievements and contributions as a farmer.

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