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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 554

Offered August 25, 2014

Commending Jackson River Technical Center.

Patron—Austin

WHEREAS, Jackson River Technical Center in Covington won a gold medal in the welding fabrication competition at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, with over 102 competitions in a week-long event, the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference provides students in a variety of trade, technical, and leadership fields with opportunities to showcase their knowledge and talents; and

WHEREAS, students from Jackson River Technical Center, a jointly operated vocational school that offers courses to adults as well as students from two supporting schools in Alleghany County, competed against skilled teams from around the country; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jackson River Technical Center welding fabrication team—Seth Brown, Matthew W. Canterbury, and Austin L. McAllister—used specialized metalworking equipment and a predetermined materials list to complete a timed project; and

WHEREAS, judges evaluated the Jackson River Technical Center team throughout the 6.5-hour competition, noting adherence to safety procedures, quality and appearance of welds of various sizes and types, planning, teamwork, material usage, written and oral exams, and overall appearance and functionality of the completed project; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson River Technical Center team displayed exceptional command of the knowledge and skills that will help them achieve success in future careers and serve members of the community through their chosen field; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Jackson River Technical Center hereby be commended on earning a gold medal in the welding fabrication competition at the 2014 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jackson River Technical Center as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its students' achievements.