

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1067

*Commending the Patrick Henry College intercollegiate moot court team.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2017

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry College intercollegiate moot court team from Loudoun County claimed its unprecedented 10th American Moot Court Association national championship in January 2017; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Henry College has a proud tradition of outstanding moot court performance, and the 2017 national championship victory marks the 10th in 13 years for the Purcellville-based college; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Henry College intercollegiate moot court team members Meridian Paulton and Thomas Siu defeated a team from the United States Air Force Academy in the national tournament finals in Gulfport, Florida; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the first-place finish, moot court team members from Patrick Henry College also earned third-place and fourth-place finishes in the tournament; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Paulton and Thomas Siu are the second team in the history of the American Moot Court Association, and second moot court team from Patrick Henry College to win both the brief writing and oral argument national championships; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 - 2017 intercollegiate moot court season featured approximately 400 teams competing in 11 national qualifying tournaments to earn a spot in the American Moot Court Association national championship; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Henry College's moot court team program, founded in 2001, is one of the most respected in the nation, and the college always qualifies more teams to the national tournament than it is allowed to send; and

WHEREAS, the moot court team at Patrick Henry College excels under the leadership and coaching of Dr. Michael Farris, the college's chancellor, and Dr. Frank Guliuzza, and because of the enthusiastic support of the entire Patrick Henry College community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Patrick Henry College intercollegiate moot court team on winning the college's 10th national championship in 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chancellor Michael Farris and Dr. Frank Guliuzza, coaches of the Patrick Henry College intercollegiate moot court team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's continuing legacy of excellence in intercollegiate moot court competition.

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