

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 664

*Commending the Fresta Valley Christian School Robotics Club.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2017

WHEREAS, the Fresta Valley Christian School Robotics Club of Marshall was a division finalist in the annual For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Championship held in St. Louis, Missouri, in April 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Fresta Valley Christian School Robotics Club was among the 900 teams from 42 countries that qualified for the event; the team partnered with local companies such as TE Connectivity, Leidos, and Updike Industries to make the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Championship experience possible, and all of the team members worked cooperatively and learned the valuable lesson of teamwork; and

WHEREAS, the Fresta Valley Christian School Robotics Club met the challenge of building a complete robot in six weeks, then ranked 16th after the qualification matches in its division at the FIRST Championship, and was then picked as an alliance partner by the No. 1 ranked team in its division, ultimately placing second in the division; and

WHEREAS, reaching the division finals at the FIRST Championship was one of several accolades the Fresta Valley Christian School Robotics Club earned in the 2016 season, including the Industrial Design Award sponsored by General Motors and district event finalist at the Chesapeake District Northern Virginia event, and the Innovation in Control Award sponsored by Rockwell Automation at the Chesapeake District Southwest Virginia event; and

WHEREAS, the Fresta Valley Christian School Robotics Club was founded by Brent Leppke, who lends his expertise and the use of his farm during building season to the team, which has a visible presence in the local community in order to promote interest in robotics and the FIRST program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Fresta Valley Christian School Robotics Club for being a division finalist at the annual For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Fresta Valley Christian School Robotics Club team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its awards and honors in the 2016 season.

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