

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 716

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

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2017

WHEREAS, Patrick Henry College, located in Purcellville, won the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition in Geneva, Switzerland, on July 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry College team of William Bock of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Helaina Hirsch of Lafayette, California, competed against 24 schools from around the globe and defeated a team of law students from Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya, in the competition finals; and

WHEREAS, William Bock was awarded first place oralist and Helaina Hirsch was named second place oralist in the tournament, where all of the other teams were composed of law students; the two juniors won a scholarship to return to Switzerland in 2017 to attend a global human rights academy to study international human rights law; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Henry College has a strong tradition of success in moot court national competitions and won the 2016 American Collegiate Moot Court Association national championship; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition marked the first appearance of Patrick Henry College in international moot court competition in more than a decade, and the school was one of only two American universities to qualify for the tournament; and

WHEREAS, the moot court team excelled thanks to the tutelage of Patrick Henry College Chancellor Michael Farris, who coached the team, and 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 international moot court team for winning the 2016 Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Patrick Henry College Chancellor Michael Farris as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's commanding performance and individual accolades on the international moot court stage.

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