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Commending Mihika Dusad.

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WHEREAS, Ashburn's Mihika Dusad had her original artwork selected as "Best in Show" in *Cooperative Living* magazine's 2016 Youth Art Contest; and

WHEREAS, Mihika Dusad's artwork was chosen for the top honor out of the more than 500 entries submitted by elementary school students from electric cooperative member families in Virginia and a portion of Tennessee, who were asked to illustrate "My Favorite Hobby"; and

WHEREAS, Mihika Dusad used colored pencils to create a portrait of herself performing the classical Indian dance Kuchipudi, which she began dancing when she was four years old; and

WHEREAS, now a fifth grader at Creighton's Corner Elementary School in Ashburn, Mihika Dusad's winning artwork showed great imagination and talent, and she worked on her art project for several weeks before deciding to submit it; and

WHEREAS, Mihika Dusad, the daughter of Meenal and Amit Dusad, earned a \$100 prize for her winning artwork and was featured on the cover of the July 2016 issue of *Cooperative Living* wearing her Indian dance costume and makeup; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mihika Dusad on winning "Best in Show" in *Cooperative Living* magazine's 2016 Youth Art Contest; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mihika Dusad as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her artistic creativity and "Best in Show" honor.