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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 797

Offered January 20, 2017

*Commending Lakeland High School.*

Patrons—Jones and Hayes

WHEREAS, in 2016, Lakeland High School in Suffolk earned the Claudia Dodson VHSL Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award for the first time in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia High School League presents the award to schools that prioritize sportsmanship on and off the field; only 39 of 315 member schools received the 2015-2016 award, and Lakeland High School was the only school from Suffolk to be honored; and

WHEREAS, to be considered for the award, Lakeland High School completed a 50-question form about school conduct during the season and submitted to peer evaluations from other schools in Conference 27; and

WHEREAS, Lakeland High School recently instituted a new program to facilitate a culture of good sportsmanship, wherein students wrote reports about sportsmanship and ethics and shared them with their parents; and

WHEREAS, the student-athletes, coaches, administrators, fans, and parents all played an integral role in securing this honor for Lakeland High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lakeland High School on receiving the 2015-2016 Claudia Dodson VHSL Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Gregory Rountree, activities director of Lakeland High School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's achievements and best wishes for the future.

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