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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 822**

Offered January 24, 2017

*Commending the Arcola Elementary School Chorus.*

Patron—Bell, John J.

WHEREAS, the Arcola Elementary School Chorus of Loudoun County sang the national anthem at a National Basketball Association game in Washington, D.C., in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Arcola Elementary School Chorus is a group of hardworking fourth-grade and fifth-grade students, who volunteer to enrich the community through choral music concerts; and

WHEREAS, the Arcola Elementary School Chorus singers practice once a week and create beautiful two-part and three-part choral harmonies, incorporating various genres and styles; and

WHEREAS, the Arcola Elementary School Chorus was invited to sing the national anthem at a Washington Wizards home game on January 16, 2017, at the Verizon Center, which was televised on Comcast SportsNet; and

WHEREAS, the Arcola Elementary School Chorus has previously performed at the National Christmas Tree Lighting and the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., as well as other sporting events and community gatherings throughout Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, the Arcola Elementary School Chorus has brought positive national attention to the exceptional students of the Arcola Elementary School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Arcola Elementary School Chorus for their performance singing the national anthem at a National Basketball Association game in 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Arcola Elementary School Chorus as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the singers' talents and dedication and best wishes for the future.

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