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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 937

Offered February 13, 2017

Commending Sarah Grim Scyphers.

Patrons—O'Quinn, Kilgore, Morefield and Pillion; Senator: Carrico

WHEREAS, Sarah Grim Scyphers of Meadowview won the prestigious 2017 American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award; and

WHEREAS, a native of Floyd County, Sarah Scyphers received bachelor's and master's degrees from Virginia Tech, and she and her husband and two children run a commercial sheep and cattle farm in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Scyphers is an agriculture teacher and FFA adviser at Holston High School in Damascus, where she has worked for almost nine years; and

WHEREAS, the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award recognizes individuals under the age of 35 for involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, and involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Scyphers won the 2016 Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award, and she competed for the national excellence award against men and women from 28 states; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Scyphers won the AFBF Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award based on her zealous leadership efforts to promote agriculture education and agricultural careers in Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Scyphers has advocated for updating the Commonwealth's aging agriculture curriculum, helped students prepare for and look to agriculture careers, and been a facilitator for Agriculture in the Classroom, which teaches children about the importance of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Scyphers won a Models of Innovation grant from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Virginia Tech, and she used the funding to develop an outdoor learning lab classroom at her school; she also set up a program for high school students to educate third graders about agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Scyphers was announced as the Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award winner at the AFBF annual convention in Phoenix, Arizona, and the award comes with a new 2017 pickup truck; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sarah Grim Scyphers on winning the prestigious 2017 American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sarah Grim Scyphers as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her dedication and leadership in the field of agriculture education.

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