## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 332**

Commending David Verburg.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2017 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2017

WHEREAS, David Verburg of Lynchburg proudly represented the United States and the Commonwealth at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro in 2016, winning a gold medal as a member of the men's 4x400-meter relay team; and

WHEREAS, a native of Gainesville, Florida, David Verburg relocated to Lynchburg and graduated from E. C. Glass High School; he earned a bachelor's degree from George Mason University, where he was an 11-time National Collegiate Athletic Association All-American in track and field; and

WHEREAS, prior to the 2016 Olympic Games, David Verburg had won three gold medals in international competitions, including the gold medal in the 4x400-meter relay at the 2015 International Association of Athletics Federations World Championship in Beijing; and

WHEREAS, at the 2016 Olympic Games, David Verburg competed in the men's 400-meter race and ran the anchor leg for the men's 4x400-meter relay team in the preliminaries but was sidelined by an injury during the relay final; and

WHEREAS, David Verburg proudly cheered on his fellow members of the men's 4x400-meter relay team as they dominated the opposition, topping the second-place team from Jamaica by .86 seconds; and

WHEREAS, throughout his track and field career and during the Olympic Games in particular, David Verburg has enjoyed the support of his family, friends, coaches, and the members of the Lynchburg community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend David Verburg on winning a gold medal in the men's 4x400-meter relay event at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad; and, be it

RESOLVED FÜRTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David Verburg as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding achievements as a member of Team USA.