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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 389

Offered February 9, 2017

*Commending the Nelson County Future Farmers of America Forestry Judging team.*

Patrons—Deeds; Delegates: Bell, Richard P. and Fariss

WHEREAS, the Nelson County Future Farmers of America Forestry Judging team earned a second-place award at the 89th National FFA Convention and Expo in October 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Nelson County Future Farmers of America (FFA) Forestry Judging team won its first local event in 2015 and was well-prepared for the state competition in Clarksville in May 2016; and

WHEREAS, after winning the state title, the Nelson County FFA Forestry Judging team continued to demonstrate exceptional dedication, spending many late nights practicing for the national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Nelson County FFA Forestry Judging team ably represented the Nelson County community and the Commonwealth at the national convention, with Ruth Fitzgerald earning the top individual score in the nation; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Nelson County FFA Forestry Judging team contributed to the second-place finish; Jacob Phillips placed second, Kelsy Fitzgerald placed 14th, and Steven Tyree placed 29th; and

WHEREAS, the Nelson County FFA Forestry Judging team succeeded with the help and guidance of private and commercial foresters, particularly Billy Newman from EnviroFor, LLC, and Lori Chamberlin, Charles Becker, and Martha Warring from the Department of Forestry, as well as the leadership of Ed McCann, Sr., who retired on January 1, 2017, after 38 years of service to the students of Nelson County; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Nelson County FFA Forestry Judging team have gained valuable experience and skills that will help them better serve the Commonwealth as farmers, preservationists, and citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Nelson County Future Farmers of America Forestry Judging team on winning a second-place award at the 89th National FFA Convention and Expo; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ed McCann, Sr., head coach of the Nelson County Future Farmers of America Forestry Judging team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievements.

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