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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 412

Offered February 15, 2017

Commending Kendall Williams.

Patrons—Ebbin, Favola, Howell, McClellan, Spruill, Surovell and Wagner; Delegates: Boysko, Carr, Cole, Heretick, Herring, Hester, Hope, Keam, Krizek, Levine, Lindsey, Lopez, Minchew, Plum, Rasoul, Simon, Tyler and Ware

WHEREAS, Kendall Williams, a native of Arlington, represented the United States and the Commonwealth at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro in 2016, participating in the women's heptathlon event; and

WHEREAS, Kendall Williams lives in Marietta, Georgia, where she graduated from Kell High School, and is a current student at the University of Georgia, where she earned National Collegiate Athletic Association accolades as the 2014 outdoor heptathlon champion and the three-time indoor pentathlon champion from 2014 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Kendall Williams was named the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association National Women's Field Athlete of the Year and qualified for her first Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, Kendall Williams placed 17th in Heptathlon at the 2016 Olympic Games, showing incredible versatility as an athlete and earning a combined 6,221 points in seven events: 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200-meter race, long jump, javelin throw, and 800-meter race; and

WHEREAS, throughout her track and field career and during the Olympic Games, Kendall Williams has enjoyed the passionate support of her family, friends, coaches, and the members of the Arlington community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kendall Williams for representing the United States and the Commonwealth in the women's heptathlon at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kendall Williams as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her outstanding achievements as a member of Team USA.