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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 172

Offered January 30, 2018

Commending Jeremy Beck.

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WHEREAS, Jeremy Beck, a physical education teacher at Steuart W. Weller Elementary School in Ashburn, helped save the life of a fellow teacher who had gone into cardiac arrest on August 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, during a conference with parents on Back to School Night, for which Jeremy Beck was present, a first-year kindergarten teacher suddenly went into cardiac arrest and collapsed; parents called 911 and raced from the room to find assistance; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Beck and Megan Poole, a parent and nurse, quickly assessed the situation and began to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the teacher, while another staff member retrieved a defibrillator to restart the teacher's heart; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association estimates that only four percent of cardiac arrest patients survive, but that number increases significantly if cardiopulmonary resuscitation is administered promptly; Jeremy Beck and Megan Poole's decisive actions almost certainly saved the life of the teacher, who was later taken to the hospital, and she has since made a full recovery and returned to teaching her class; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their heroic acts, Jeremy Beck and Megan Poole received the American Heart Association Heartsaver Hero Award at a special ceremony on November 14, 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jeremy Beck for his lifesaving actions at Steuart W. Weller Elementary School in August 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jeremy Beck as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his quick thinking and fortitude in a crisis situation.

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