

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 175

Commending Megan Poole.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2018
Agreed to by the Senate, February 8, 2018

WHEREAS, Megan Poole, a nurse and a parent of a student at Steuart W. Weller Elementary School in Ashburn, helped save the life of a 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 Megan Poole 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, Megan Poole and Jeremy Beck, a physical education teacher at the school, 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; Megan Poole and Jeremy Beck'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, Megan Poole and Jeremy Beck 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 Megan Poole for her 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 Megan Poole as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her quick thinking and fortitude in a crisis situation.

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