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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 230

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Commending the XXIII Olympic Winter Games.

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WHEREAS, the XXIII Olympic Winter Games will showcase the world's most talented winter athletes in PyeongChang, Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea from February 9 to 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Winter Olympics features nearly 3,000 athletes from 92 nations competing in 102 events in 15 disciplines, such as skiing, snowboard, skating, bobsleigh, skeleton, curling, ice hockey, and luge; more than 240 athletes will represent the United States, including four competitors from the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in the 2018 Winter Olympics, Hakeem Abdul-Saboor from Powhatan will represent the Commonwealth in bobsleigh; Maame Biney, a junior world champion from Reston, will compete in short track speed skating; Ashley Caldwell, a freestyle skier from Ashburn and a three-time Olympian, will compete in the aerials event; and Garrett Roe, a professional ice hockey player from Vienna who currently plays with EV Zug in the Swiss National League, was named to the United States men's ice hockey team; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Winter Olympics will be the first Winter Olympics held in the Republic of Korea and the country's second Olympic Games, as they hosted the Games of the XXIV Olympiad in the summer of 1988; the event is an opportunity to promote the unique history and culture of the Republic of Korea on the world stage; and

WHEREAS, the opening ceremonies of the 2018 Winter Olympics will take place on February 9, 2018, with four residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia proudly marching with Team USA; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the XXIII Olympic Winter Games taking place in PyeongChang in February 2018; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the representatives of the XXIII Olympic Winter Games as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the skill and talent of all the competitors and best wishes to the members of Team USA from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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