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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 365

Offered February 26, 2018

*Commending Michaela Joyce.*

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WHEREAS, Michaela Joyce, a talented young fencer from Sterling, recorded a top 10 finish in the Junior Women's Epee event held at the January North American Cup on January 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a student at Nysmith School for the Gifted in Herndon, 13-year-old Michaela Joyce practices fencing at the Loudoun International Fencing Club in Ashburn, where she is coached by Ilya Lobanenko and Amy Orlando; and

WHEREAS, in the Junior Women's Epee event at the January North American Cup in Virginia Beach, Michaela Joyce faced off against a strong field of 127 opponents ages 13 to 19; despite being one of the youngest competitors, she won several matches to clinch a 10th place finish overall; and

WHEREAS, just a few weeks before her strong performance at the January North American Cup, Michaela Joyce bested a field of 48 other competitors to win the gold medal in the Division 1A Women's Epee category at the Fairfax Challenge Regional Open Circuit tournament in Baltimore, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her strong performances, Michaela Joyce is now ranked sixth in the nation for women's epee fencers ages 14 and under; she was also selected to represent the United States at a cadet fencing event in Poland; and

WHEREAS, Michaela Joyce's exemplary skill and dedication as a fencer stand as a shining example to her fellow young athletes across the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Michaela Joyce on her strong performance in the Junior Women's Epee event at the 2018 January North American Cup; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michaela Joyce as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her remarkable athletic accomplishments and best wishes for continued success.

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