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Commending Melanie Pincus.

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WHEREAS, in 2017, McLean High School senior Melanie Pincus was named the Virginia Student Journalist of the Year by the Virginia Association of Journalism Teachers and Advisers (VAJTA) for her outstanding work with the school newsmagazine, *The Highlander*; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Pincus was part of McLean High School's journalism department throughout high school and served as an editor-in-chief of *The Highlander* during her junior and senior years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to overseeing 45 student journalists at *The Highlander*, Melanie Pincus was a National Merit finalist, co-head of the McLean High School debate team, and a summer intern at *The Connection Newspapers*; and

WHEREAS, a talented and tenacious student reporter, Melanie Pincus covered a wide range of topics in her articles for *The Highlander*, from an account of a local protest to a profile of a ballet dancer; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Melanie Pincus won fourth place in the National Scholastic Press Association's Feature Story of the Year category for co-writing "Beyond Gender," an article about gender identity that was published in *The Highlander*; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Pincus also worked with her fellow editors at *The Highlander* to create a presentation about media literacy that was presented at Longfellow Middle School in Fairfax County to teach students strategies for identifying reliable news sources; and

WHEREAS, in presenting Melanie Pincus with the Virginia Student Journalist of the Year award, the judges from the VAJTA noted her skill at making complex topics compelling for her readers as well as her dedication to her craft and leadership in the newsroom; and

WHEREAS, by winning the VAJTA Virginia Student Journalist of the Year award, Melanie Pincus represented Virginia in a national student journalism contest sponsored by the Journalism Education Association; and

WHEREAS, shortly after her high school graduation in 2017, Melanie Pincus received an Extraordinary Teen Award from *Arlington Magazine*; she has since begun her college education at Brown University, where she writes for *The Brown Daily Herald*; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Melanie Pincus on being named the 2017 Virginia Student Journalist of the Year by the Virginia Association of Journalism Teachers and Advisers; and, be it

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

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