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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 423

Offered March 1, 2018

*Commending the American's Creed.*

Patrons—Cox, Adams, D.M., Austin, Ayala, Boysko, Cole, Fowler, Garrett, Habeeb, Heretick, Hope, Hurst, Ingram, Knight, Krizek, Landes, Levine, Lindsey, Marshall, O'Quinn, Orrock, Pillion, Pogge, Ransone, Rasoul, Robinson, Thomas, Ware and Wright; Senators: Chafin, Dance, Vogel and Wagner

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Commonwealth Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the American's Creed, a summary of the proudest civic traditions of the United States, freedom, justice, equality, and dignity for all; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of World War I, the New York State Commissioner of Education established a nationwide contest for the writing of a national creed; the winning piece, the American's Creed, was one of more than 3,000 entries; and

WHEREAS, the author of the American's Creed, William Tyler Page, was a descendant of John Page, who settled in Williamsburg in 1650; Carter Braxton, a signatory to the Declaration of Independence; and President John Tyler; and

WHEREAS, the American's Creed uses language from the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the United States Constitution, President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and Daniel Webster's famous speech in the United States Senate in 1830; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the largest chapter in Virginia with more than 330 members, recites the American's Creed at the beginning of each of its monthly meetings and will commemorate the creed's 100th anniversary at its April 2018 meeting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the American's Creed, an expression of the finest civic traditions of the United States; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Commonwealth Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for the historical importance of the American's Creed.

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