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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 528

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Commending Brook Byrd.

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WHEREAS, Brook Byrd, a talented and dedicated 2017 graduate of Christopher Newport University, won numerous accolades during her undergraduate career, including a Fulbright Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, a native of Indianapolis, Indiana, Brook Byrd moved to the Commonwealth in her youth and attended Warhill High School in Williamsburg, where she excelled as a member of the tennis and swim teams; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Brook Byrd enrolled at Christopher Newport University; along with competing as a member of the Captains' tennis team, she majored in applied physics and minored in leadership studies; and

WHEREAS, an active student at Christopher Newport University, Brook Byrd participated in the President's Leadership Program, interned at Jefferson Lab in Newport News, and was selected for a Research Experience for Undergraduates internship at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Brook Byrd became the first student in the history of Christopher Newport University to receive the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, one of the nation's most prestigious honors for undergraduate students studying science and engineering; and

WHEREAS, during Christopher Newport University's commencement ceremony on May 13, 2017, Brook Byrd was one of three recipients of the Kilch Academic Achievement Award, which recognizes the graduates with the highest grade point averages; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of her undergraduate career, Brook Byrd was one of two Christopher Newport University students to receive a Fulbright Scholarship; she will attend the University of Liverpool to work with the Institute of Translational Medicine and earn a master of philosophy degree in radiotherapy; and

WHEREAS, a self-motivated young woman who hopes to help others through her research, Brook Byrd has brought credit to herself, her university, and the Commonwealth with her superb academic accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Brook Byrd on her many academic achievements as an undergraduate student at Christopher Newport University; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brook Byrd as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her dedication to academic excellence and best wishes for continued success.

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