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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 538**

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending the Patrick Henry College moot court team.

Patrons-LaRock, Cole, Landes and Ware; Senators: Black, Ruff, Vogel and Wagner

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry College moot court team won its 11th intercollegiate moot court national championship at the American Moot Court Association national tournament staged January 18 - 20, 2018, in Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the American Moot Court Association is the only national organization dedicated to intercollegiate moot court competition; 427 different teams competed in qualifying tournaments during the 2017 - 2018 season; continuing a proud tradition of excellence, the Patrick Henry College moot court team's victory was the school's 11th national title, the most in American Moot Court Association history; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Henry College moot court team members Caleb Engle and Christopher Baldacci claimed first place in the tournament, while Shane Roberts and Clare Downing placed third; in addition to winning the championship, Christopher Baldacci joined with Thomas Siu to finish second in the national brief writing contest; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry College moot court team captured four of the top ten speaker awards at the national tournament; Christopher Baldacci won first place, while Cooper Millhouse, Kyle Ziemnick, and Clare Downing finished 6th, 9th, and 10th, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry College moot court team owes its ongoing success to the dedication and hard work of all its team members, the leadership of coaches and faculty, and the enthusiastic support of the Patrick Henry College community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Patrick Henry College moot court team on winning the American Moot Court Association national tournament in January 2018; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Frank Guliuzza, Ph.D., coach of the Patrick Henry College moot court team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's continuing legacy of impressive performances in moot court competition.