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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 128

Offered March 2, 2018

Commending the Colgan High School theatre program.

Patron—Carroll Foy

WHEREAS, the Colgan High School theatre program helped preserve the history of school integration in Prince William County through its production of *The Courageous Four*; and

WHEREAS, the story of the Courageous Four, when teachers Fannie W. Fitzgerald, Zella Brown, Maxine Coleman, and Mary G. Porter were transferred to all-white elementary schools, represents one of the most successful and non-violent school integrations in the nation; the students and faculty in the Colgan High School theatre program based their production on the Courageous Four to ensure that the lesser-known story was preserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS, to prepare for the production, 150 Colgan High School students researched the story and attended a full-day class at the Creative and Performing Arts Center to learn about the Civil Rights movement and listen to interviews with family members of the Courageous Four; and

WHEREAS, the Colgan High School theatre program held its performances of *The Courageous Four*, along with another piece, *Freedom Riders*, on February 15 - 17, 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Colgan High School theatre program hereby be commended for its work to preserve the history and heritage of the Commonwealth with its production of *The Courageous Four*; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Colgan High School theatre program as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the hard work and dedication of the program's students, faculty, and staff.

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