

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 129

Commending Abbesi Akhamie.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018

WHEREAS, Abbesi Akhamie of Woodbridge, a talented film writer and director, received a Visual Arts Fellowship from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts for 2018 - 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Fellowship Program has been a major source of funding for the visual arts and art history in the Commonwealth for 75 years; Abbesi Akhamie was one of 27 artists selected for the prestigious fellowship in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Abbesi Akhamie holds degrees from George Mason University and the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University; and

WHEREAS, a native of Heidelberg, Germany, Abbesi Akhamie was inspired by her Nigerian heritage to focus her art on Africa and the African diaspora; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Abbesi Akhamie produced two short films, *Samedi Cinema* and *Tween*, both of which received national and international acclaim; in 2017, she directed the short film *Still Water Runs Deep*, which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival; and

WHEREAS, Abbesi Akhamie is currently working on two feature-length scripts and a fiction narrative, as well as another short film, *A Lost Flock*, which she wrote and directed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Abbesi Akhamie hereby be commended on receiving a Visual Arts Fellowship from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts for 2018 - 2019; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Abbesi Akhamie as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her artistic achievements.

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