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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 177

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*Commending Allyson Courtney Hart.*

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WHEREAS, Allyson Courtney Hart was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Virginia 2017 - 2018 at the Ms. Wheelchair Virginia pageant held on March 25, 2017, at Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville; the mission of the Ms. Wheelchair Virginia pageant is to raise awareness of the abilities and needs of the disability community through education and advocacy in order to influence attitudinal, architectural, and social change for all Virginians; and

WHEREAS, Allyson Hart has been using a wheelchair since her early childhood, when she was diagnosed with spastic quadriplegia hypertension; she became interested in the Ms. Wheelchair Virginia pageant several years ago and participated for the first time in 2017; and

WHEREAS, a tenacious young woman who lives independently and trains regularly at the YMCA, Allyson Hart won the Ms. Wheelchair Virginia pageant while competing with the motto "Independence Overcomes Disability"; and

WHEREAS, as Ms. Wheelchair Virginia, Allyson Hart has promoted a platform that encourages people with disabilities to become active members of the community and pursue their goals and dreams regardless of personal challenges; and

WHEREAS, from August 14 - 20, 2017, Allyson Hart served as the Commonwealth's representative at the Ms. Wheelchair America national competition in Erie, Pennsylvania; along with multiple judging sessions, the event included a leadership institute and mentoring events; and

WHEREAS, when not fulfilling her duties as Ms. Wheelchair Virginia, Allyson Hart attends Virginia Western Community College and serves as a volunteer at Fellowship Community Church; and

WHEREAS, an inspiring and talented woman, Allyson Hart represents her community and the Commonwealth with grace, enthusiasm, and dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Allyson Courtney Hart hereby be commended on her selection as Ms. Wheelchair Virginia 2017 - 2018; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Allyson Courtney Hart as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations and respect for her work on behalf of people with disabilities.

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