

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47

*Commending the Hidden Valley High School app team.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2018

WHEREAS, a team of students from Hidden Valley High School in Roanoke was chosen as the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia's winner in the 2017 Congressional App Challenge; and

WHEREAS, established in 2014, the Congressional App Challenge is an annual contest that encourages young people to learn how to code by developing a software application of their choice; one winner is then selected from each of the participating congressional districts across the nation; the Hidden Valley High School app team consisted of talented students David Arnold, Shreyas Gullapalli, Mengyun "Mavis" Lee, and Yifei Zhao; their team advisor was Phifer Herrala; and

WHEREAS, for their entry in the Congressional App Challenge, the Hidden Valley app team created Quizbowl Scoresheet, an app that easily and accurately keeps track of scores for trivia competitions; the team got the idea for their application after observing scoring errors and delays during a Quizbowl tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Hidden Valley High School app team learned of their Congressional App Challenge victory on December 7, 2017, when United States Representative Bob Goodlatte personally notified them over Skype; and

WHEREAS, the Hidden Valley High School app team is one of only 190 Congressional App Challenge winners out of more than 4,100 participants nationwide; and

WHEREAS, for their victory in the challenge, the Hidden Valley High School app team will have their application featured in the United States Capitol Building and on the United States House of Representatives website; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Hidden Valley High School app team will be invited to the HouseOfCode reception that will take place in April 2018 in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hidden Valley High School app team demonstrated creativity, determination, and skill in creating their app and have undoubtedly bright futures ahead of them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Hidden Valley High School app team hereby be commended on their selection as the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia's winner in the 2017 Congressional App Challenge; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Hidden Valley High School app team as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their impressive achievements and best wishes for the future.

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