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1   **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 759**
2   Offered January 28, 2019
3 *Commending Mikaeel Martinez Jaka.*
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Patrons—Reid, Bell, John J., Delaney, Gooditis, Murphy, Tyler and Ward; Senators: Boysko and Favola
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6   WHEREAS, Mikaeel Martinez Jaka, a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 786, was honored
7 by the World Organization of the Scout Movement with the prestigious Messengers of Peace Heroes
8 Award at the United Nations headquarters in New York; and
9   WHEREAS, Mikaeel Martinez Jaka is a Life Scout, a member of the Order of the Arrow, and an
10 Eagle Scout candidate who has already completed his Eagle Scout project; and
11   WHEREAS, Mikaeel Martinez Jaka was one of 11 Scouts from around the world and the only Scout
12 representing the United States honored by the Messengers of Peace ceremony at the United Nations in
13 New York City on International Peace Day on September 21, 2018; and
14   WHEREAS, Mikaeel Martinez Jaka was honored for his Eagle Scout project at the Loudoun
15 Freedom Center's African American Burial Ground for the Enslaved at Belmont where he created a
16 400-foot walking trail to be used by future visitors to the site, to help guide visitors and make the
17 cemetery more accessible; and
18   WHEREAS, Mikaeel Martinez Jaka received this recognition because his Eagle Scout project was
19 aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, including promoting just, peaceful,
20 strong, and inclusive societies; Messengers of Peace is a World Scouting initiative designed to encourage
21 Scouts to inspire others to action; now, therefore, be it
22   RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
23 commend Mikaeel Martinez Jaka for his achievements as a 2018 Messengers of Peace Heroes Award
24 winner; and, be it
25   RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
26 for presentation to Mikaeel Martinez Jaka as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his
27 diligent service and contributions to the community.