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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 880**

Offered February 11, 2019

3 Commending the Rock Ridge High School softball team.

Patrons-Reid, Bell, John J., Delaney, Gooditis, Krizek, Murphy, Tyler and Ward; Senator: Boysko

6 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Rock Ridge High School softball team, coached by Phil Cox, worked with
7 American Legion Post 2001 and Luck Stone Corporation to install a flagpole at the team's field,
8 allowing the players to honor the American flag during the playing of the National Anthem before
9 games; and

WHEREAS, Phil Cox, a teacher and patriotic citizen, began his mission to provide a flagpole for the
 Rock Ridge High School softball team by contacting American Legion Post 2001 in Ashburn to build
 support for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Rock Ridge High School softball team raised awareness among the members of the
 Brambleton community and worked to change Loudoun County Public School policies and raise money
 for the purchase and installation of a flagpole; and

WHEREAS, the Rock Ridge High School softball team worked with Luck Stone Corporation, whichdonated the rock that bears a commemorative plaque near the flagpole; and

WHEREAS, the Rock Ridge High School softball team held a special ceremony on May 12, 2018,
with a dedication led by Chuck Loomis, post commander of American Legion Post 2001, and a
benediction by post chaplain Bob O'Suche, with veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the
Vietnam War proudly in attendance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
 commend the Rock Ridge High School softball team for working with other members of the community
 to install a flagpole at the team's field; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
for presentation to Phil Cox, head coach of the Rock Ridge High School softball team, as an expression
of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's patriotism and the hard work of all the community
members involved in the project.

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