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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 889**

Offered February 11, 2019

Commending the Jamestown High School Envirothon team.

Patrons—Mullin and Pogge; Senator: Norment

WHEREAS, the Jamestown High School Envirothon team from Williamsburg placed third in the National Conservation Foundation's Envirothon national competition in July 2018 in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Envirothon is a team-based academic competition that gives students an opportunity to learn from natural resource professionals and test their knowledge in a variety of categories; after winning the state competition in May 2018, the Jamestown High School Envirothon team advanced to the national level, where they faced worthy competitors from throughout the United States, Canada, and China; and

WHEREAS, as part of the competition, the Jamestown High School Envirothon team gave an oral presentation on a real-world environmental challenge and participated in five field test stations, with each team member taking the lead on a particular station—Joanna Stathopoulos for rangeland management, Anna Song for forestry, Rachel Smith for aquatics, Lisa Small for soils, and Audrey Root for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jamestown High School Envirothon team placed first in the oral presentation category and tied for first place in the wildlife category; each member of the team received a \$1,000 scholarship for their outstanding performance; and

WHEREAS, the Jamestown High School Envirothon team is sponsored by Dominion Energy and has worked with conservation and environmental professionals throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Jamestown High School Envirothon team on placing third at the National Conservation Foundation's 2018 Envirothon national competition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Jamestown High School Envirothon team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievements and dedication to studying environmental science and conservation.