

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 362

*Commending the RoboLords robotics team.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2019

WHEREAS, the RoboLords robotics team from Ashburn won first place at the FIRST Tech Challenge Virginia State Championship on February 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to challenging young minds; the organization holds an annual robotics competition in which teams of middle school and high school students collaborate to engineer a robot to solve a given problem; the 2019 competition required a robot to retrieve "minerals" from a crater and deposit as many as possible into a suspended container; and

WHEREAS, the RoboLords were the only team to advance to the international competition in Detroit this April; the team was formed in 2016 with students from Eagle Ridge Middle School seeking to learn more about STEM subjects and robotics through FIRST; team members include Aditya Kalkar, Advait Amdekar, Akash Pamal, Ananya Pamal, Ikhlass Bhat, Isha Thukral, Rohit Prasanna, Sanjay Mohan, and Aryan Thukral; and

WHEREAS, the experience has taught the RoboLords how to design, build, and program a robot, along with other skills like teamwork, marketing, fundraising, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the RoboLords' success is the result of the hard work of the team members, the guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the support of the entire Ashburn community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the RoboLords robotics team hereby be commended for winning first place at the FIRST Tech Challenge Virginia State Championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Pamal Meyana, coach of the RoboLords robotics team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's monumental achievement.

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