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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 410

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Commending the Piedmont Virginia Community College Student Launch Team.

Patrons—Hudson; Senator: Deeds

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Virginia Community College Student Launch Team won several awards during the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Student Launch Competition at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Student Launch Competition is one of the premier engineering competitions for middle school, high school, and college students; testing participants' ability to design, fabricate, test, and launch high-powered rockets, the program and competition help students develop real-world skills that will be invaluable in their careers; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) Student Launch Team, students participate in an eight-month program, developing their rocket from concept to launch while completing a series of comprehensive design reviews and engaging the public through educational outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, students from all disciplines are encouraged to join the PVCC Student Launch Team, emphasizing the diverse technical, professional, and team skills required for success in the competition; and

WHEREAS, it is an extraordinary accomplishment to meet NASA's many milestone requirements and to have the opportunity to fly a rocket at its Student Launch Competition; it is even more remarkable to earn a top place in one of its competitive categories, as the PVCC Student Launch Team did; and

WHEREAS, the PVCC Student Launch Team earned first place in the Rocket Fair Display and Team Spirit categories and second place in the Best-Looking Rocket category, putting forth one of the most impressive showings at the competition; and

WHEREAS, the PVCC Student Launch Team's success is the result of the hard work and dedication of the program participants, the leadership and guidance of their professors and advisors, and the unwavering support of the entire Piedmont Virginia Community College community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Piedmont Virginia Community College Student Launch Team for its distinction at the 2019 National Aeronautics and Space Administration Student Launch Competition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Piedmont Virginia Community College Student Launch Team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement and best wishes for the future.

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