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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 462

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending Elise N. Pridgeon.

Patrons—Subramanyam; Senator: Bell

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WHEREAS, Elise N. Pridgeon, a young track superstar from Ashburn, set several national records on her way to winning events at Amateur Athletic Union championships in 2019; and

WHEREAS, from March 8 to March 10, 2019, Elise Pridgeon competed in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Indoor National Championship in Landover, Maryland, taking home three titles for the 60-meter, 200-meter, and 400-meter events in the five- to six-year-old age group; and

WHEREAS, at the AAU Indoor National Championship, Elise Pridgeon set national records in the 200-meter and 400-meter events, scoring times of 34.88 and 1:20.64, respectively, and outpacing her competition by several seconds; and

WHEREAS, at Disney's ESPN Wild World of Sports Complex from July 5 to July 6, 2019, Elise Pridgeon competed in the AAU Primary National Championships, where her gold-medal time of 1:17.29 for the 400-meter event broke the national record for the six-year-old age group by six seconds; she placed second in the 100-meter and 200-meter events; and

WHEREAS, while developing her talents as a top-notch athlete, Elise Pridgeon continues to excel in school, earning outstanding grade marks in each of the last five consecutive grading quarters; she is active in her school's community, supporting her classmates as student government class representative; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her impressive accomplishments, Elise Pridgeon was recently honored by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors as part of a proclamation celebrating the county's citizens during Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Elise Pridgeon's remarkable season is the result of her matchless talent, unwavering determination, and indomitable will to win, making her an inspiration to athletes and fans throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Elise N. Pridgeon, a record-breaking track athlete from Ashburn, for her tremendous success in 2019; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Elise N. Pridgeon as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt admiration for her achievements and best wishes for the future.