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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 671

Offered February 13, 2023

Commending Jian-Ping Chen.

Patrons—Mullin; Senator: Locke

WHEREAS, Jian-Ping Chen of Yorktown earned a national title playing competitive bridge, winning a victory in the Summer 2022 North American Bridge Championship; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong fan of games of the mind, Jian-Ping Chen began playing competitively as a college student and joined the American Contract Bridge League around the time he was attending graduate school at the University of Virginia in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Jian-Ping Chen regularly plays bridge at clubs in Hampton, Williamsburg, Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and Richmond and is a member of North American Bridge Championship District 6, which encompasses Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Jian-Ping Chen and the other three members of his team, Weizhong Bao, Huailin Chen, and Shihong You, won the District 6 title to advance to the national tournament, where they faced worthy opponents from around the country in five days of matches; and

WHEREAS, after winning the national title, Jian-Ping Chen also placed second in an open pairs event against professional players; and

WHEREAS, Jian-Ping Chen intends to continue honing his skills to defend his title or advance to higher levels of play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jian-Ping Chen for winning a national title in the Summer 2022 North American Bridge Championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jian-Ping Chen as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements and best wishes for the future.

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