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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 727**

Offered February 16, 2023

*Commending Arlington Public Schools' recipients of The Posse Foundation or QuestBridge scholarships.*

Patrons—Lopez, Clark, Guzman, Hope, Hudson, Kory, Maldonado, Rasoul, Seibold, Simonds, Sullivan and Watts; Senators: Boysko, Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, in the 2022-2023 school year, The Posse Foundation and QuestBridge collectively awarded nine students in Arlington Public Schools four-year, full-ride college scholarships; and

WHEREAS, The Posse Foundation presented full-ride scholarships to Amy Fabara of Arlington Tech, who will attend Lafayette College in the fall, and Kamel Barghouti of Yorktown High School, who will attend the University of Virginia, both of which are partnering colleges and universities with The Posse Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their scholarships, The Posse Foundation will also provide these students with comprehensive programmatic support over their next four years in college; and

WHEREAS, seven Arlington Public Schools (APS) seniors were named QuestBridge Scholars and were awarded full-ride scholarships to partnering colleges and universities, including Adriana Sparks of Arlington Tech; Luliya Tewelde and Eva Zidan of Wakefield High School; Meryem Khadrouni and Henessis Umacata of Washington-Liberty High School; and Ribka Desta and Franklin Claure of Yorktown High School; and

WHEREAS, the APS QuestBridge scholarship recipients will represent Arlington and the Commonwealth at some of the most prestigious institutions of higher education in the country, including Columbia University, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Pennsylvania, Stanford University, and Dartmouth College; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their scholarships, QuestBridge scholarship recipients who attend its college and university partners are supported in their college years and beyond through on-campus chapters and nationwide opportunities offered through the QuestBridge Scholars Network and QuestBridge Alumni Association; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Arlington Public Schools students receiving scholarships from The Posse Foundation and QuestBridge for their hard work and dedication to their studies; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the Arlington Public Schools students receiving scholarships from The Posse Foundation and QuestBridge as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt congratulations and best wishes in their future endeavors.