## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 137**

Commending Lee Ellsworth Lowery.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 1996 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 1996

WHEREAS, Lee Ellsworth Lowery, a junior at Sherando High School in Stephens City, recently won his first varsity wrestling match, pinning his opponent in the second period; and

WHEREAS, a native of Winchester, Lee Lowery began wrestling in middle school, first at a program sponsored by the Frederick County Parks and Recreation Department and later for two years at Frederick County Middle School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to wrestling, Lee Lowery is actively involved in Boy Scouts and is a member of the Sherando High School swimming team; and

WHEREAS, diagnosed at birth with congenital glaucoma, Lee Lowery has been legally blind all his life and has been totally blind for the past year; and

WHEREAS, Lee Lowery's courage in the face of his worsening disability, his perseverance and steady improvement as an athlete, and his cheerful refusal to let his affliction defeat him or limit his dreams are inspirational to his friends, his fellow students, and the Frederick County community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Lee Ellsworth Lowery on his success as a high-school athlete; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lee Ellsworth Lowery as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his skill and fortitude and best wishes in his future endeavors.