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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 683

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Commending Hans Christian Ackerman.

Patrons—Grayson and Cooper; Senator: Norment

WHEREAS, Hans Christian Ackerman, a resident of Newport News and a senior at the College of William and Mary, was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, one of only 32 recipients nationwide and the only one from a Virginia college; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Menchville High School in Newport News, Hans Ackerman spent seven years in Africa with his family, an experience that helped shape his scientific curiosity into a desire to improve human health; and

WHEREAS, an interdisciplinary studies major concentrating on molecular and cellular biology, Hans Ackerman plans to use his Rhodes Scholarship for research on infectious diseases at Oxford University; and

WHEREAS, concerned over the mortality rate in the underdeveloped world from diseases that Americans consider "preventable," Hans Ackerman believes that "a basic level of health care, composed of preventive medicine and hygiene education, can be provided to every person"; and

WHEREAS, Hans Ackerman's commitment to the health of citizens of underdeveloped countries was evident last summer, when he spent seven weeks in Kenya volunteering with several organizations battling the AIDS epidemic; and

WHEREAS, a well-rounded student, Hans Ackerman is an active member of several music groups at William and Mary, including the William and Mary Choir and the Early Music Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, with his outstanding scholastic achievements, his dedication to preventing the spread of deadly disease, and his commitment to improving health around the world, Hans Ackerman is a worthy recipient of the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Hans Christian Ackerman on being chosen a Rhodes Scholar; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Hans Christian Ackerman as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his exceptional achievements and best wishes on his future endeavors.

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