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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5077

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Commending the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team.

Patrons—Landes; Senator: Hanger

WHEREAS, the outstanding student team of conservationists from Fort Defiance High School of the Augusta County Public Schools won its second straight Envirothon state championship on May 15, 2006, in Front Royal; and

WHEREAS, members of the exemplary 2006 Fort Defiance High School team—seniors Kate Abshire, Ryan Bugas, Ali Fitzgerald, and Whitney Hawkins and sophomore Bob Michaels—are coached by agriculture and science teacher Brent Hull; and

WHEREAS, the competition required each team to tackle issues affecting global climate change, with specific emphasis on wildlife, soils, aquatics, water stewardship, and forestry; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team's oral presentation was a brilliant team effort outlining the challenging environmental issues of Chesapeake Bay watershed conservation in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, as state champions, Fort Defiance High School will represent Virginia in the 2006 Canon Envirothon, North America's largest high school environmental education competition, to be held July 23 through 29 in Winnipeg, Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the championship Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team won second place in the highly competitive 2005 Canon Envirothon held last summer in Springfield, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the stellar environmental science program and championship performance of the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team is a tribute to the hard work, skill, and commitment of its members; the guidance of coach and mentor Brent Hull; and the enthusiastic support of the Fort Defiance High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team as 2006 Envirothon state champions; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its remarkable achievement and dedication to the study of environmental science and conservation.

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