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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 415

Offered February 1, 2011

*Commending the 10 River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm Award Program.*

Patrons—Ticer; Delegate: Morgan

WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide farmers throughout the Commonwealth with education, technical assistance, and incentive programs to encourage nutrient reduction and water quality improvement; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed legislation in 1998 to establish the Clean Water Farm Award Program, which is administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Farm Award Program furthers the Commonwealth's water quality goals by recognizing farmers actively engaged in nutrient management and other important conservation practices that control agricultural nonpoint source pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Soil and Water Conservation Districts selected local farms across the Commonwealth for recognition in 2010 as winners of the Clean Water Farm Award; and

WHEREAS, ten of those farms were selected and announced at the December 2010 meeting of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts by the Department of Conservation and Recreation to represent the Commonwealth's 10 major river basins and to recognize the exemplary efforts of such farms in implementing best management practices; and

WHEREAS, those 10 winners are:

Dishner Dairy, Smyth County, for the Big Sandy/Tennessee River Basin;

Kells Corner Farm, Lunenburg County, for the Chowan River Basin;

Cullipher Farms, Inc., Virginia Beach, for the Coastal Basin;

Rivanna Farm, Charlottesville, for the James River Basin;

Turner Farms, Carroll County, for the New River Basin;

Gray Rock Farm, Loudoun County, for the Potomac River Basin;

George R. Thompson, Fauquier County, for the Rappahannock River Basin;

Hammock Farms, Pittsylvania County, for the Roanoke River Basin;

Cave View Farms, Inc., Augusta County, for the Shenandoah River Basin; and

Charity Hill Farm, Caroline and Spotsylvania Counties, for the York River Basin; now, therefore, be

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RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the 10 River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm Award; and, be

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RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the 10 River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm Award as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their commitment to conserving the Commonwealth's natural resources and their outstanding conservation achievements.