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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 219

Offered January 27, 2014

Commending Ariel Stephenson.

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WHEREAS, Ariel Stephenson, a star basketball player at Prince George High School, became the all-time leading scorer for the women's basketball program on January 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a junior at Prince George High School, Ariel Stephenson reached 1,307 points during the 2014 season in a game against Deep Run High School; she also was a 1,000-plus point scorer in her sophomore year; and

WHEREAS, ESPN Sports ranks Ariel Stephenson as the number one guard in the country among high school juniors—and 14th best overall—in the 2015 HoopGurlz Recruiting Rankings - Super 60; she is the first student from Prince George High School to be nationally ranked by the cable sports network; and

WHEREAS, Ariel Stephenson's unselfish play on the court is illustrated by her trademark behind-the-back passes to teammates, which are designed to frustrate opposing players; during games, Royals fans are quick to rise in exuberant support of her moves; and

WHEREAS, Ariel Stephenson is a top scorer in the region for 2014, and she has been named to many regional and district all-star teams during high school; and

WHEREAS, Ariel Stephenson has another full season to play high school basketball, honing her talents and working hard to help make the Prince George Royals a top team in the Commonwealth; she has decided to attend Wake Forest University on a basketball scholarship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Ariel Stephenson for becoming the top scorer in women's basketball at Prince George High School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ariel Stephenson as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for her talent, determination, and remarkable achievements and best wishes in her future endeavors.