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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 264

Offered February 4, 2014

Commending Robin Bledsoe.

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WHEREAS, Robin Bledsoe, an outstanding Virginian who honors the sacrifice of fallen soldiers from the Commonwealth with tribute hikes and videos, completed her 100th hike on January 26, 2014; and

WHEREAS, after discovering a website that lists information about each service member who has died in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, Robin Bledsoe, herself a military spouse, learned that over 200 Virginians had made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, inspired by what she had discovered, Robin Bledsoe set out on a personal mission to honor and thank those who had fallen and recognize the courageous Americans still in harm's way around the world; and

WHEREAS, after starting a Facebook page, Hiking for Virginia Fallen Heroes, in August 2013, Robin Bledsoe began dedicating tribute hikes to individual fallen service members; she posts videos at the conclusion of each hike with information about the honoree's life and service; and

WHEREAS, Robin Bledsoe's noble efforts have earned recognition from military families and the James City County Board of Supervisors, from which she received the James City County Chairman's Award; and

WHEREAS, Robin Bledsoe has developed many strong relationships with hundreds of service members, veterans, and their families and friends, and her actions have encouraged others to similarly offer their support; and

WHEREAS, Robin Bledsoe completed her 100th hike at Scott's Run Nature Preserve near Washington, D.C., on January 26, 2014; she was joined by members of a nonprofit group that brings together veterans and members of the community for social and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, already a leader in her community, Robin Bledsoe is a member of the James City County Planning Commission and the president of The Foundation at Williamsburg Place; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Robin Bledsoe on the occasion of her 100th tribute hike honoring fallen soldiers from the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robin Bledsoe as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her commitment to honoring individuals who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the Commonwealth and the nation.

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