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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 277

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Commending the Franklin County High School Air Force JROTC marksmanship team.

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WHEREAS, the Franklin County High School Air Force JROTC marksmanship team in Rocky Mount was named the 2013 Air Force National Champions in the United States Air Force National Marksmanship competition; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County High School (FCHS) team also placed fourth nationally at the All-Service National competition in March 2013—the first time an Air Force team won national ranking; the marksmanship team competed against more than 2,800 other teams, who represented all branches of the military; and

WHEREAS, the members of the national championship team from FCHS are Mike Barton, Jonathan Gove, Cody Ashby, and Carter Santrock; the team is coached by Lt. Col. Tracey Carter (Ret.), who applauded the men's hard work, talent, and grace under pressure; and

WHEREAS, in April, the FCHS marksmen won the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Regional Club National Championships, competing against 19 other teams; two groups from FCHS competed, with Team 1 placing first, and Team 2 taking fifth place; and

WHEREAS, at the CMP National Championship in July, the "Eagle Eye" marksmen set a national JROTC Air Force record, scoring 2,203 points with 82 bull's eyes; throughout the year, each member of the team contributed to the group's remarkable success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Franklin County High School Air Force JROTC marksmanship team for being the 2013 national champions in the United States Air Force National Marksmanship competition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lt. Col. Tracey Carter (Ret.), coach of the Franklin County High School Air Force JROTC marksmanship team, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for its many achievements in marksmanship competition.