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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5126

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Commending Akhil Rekulapelli.

Patron—Ramadan

WHEREAS, Akhil Rekulapelli, an eighth-grade student at Stone Hill Middle School, won the National Geographic Bee on May 21, 2014, in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the National Geographic Bee, an educational competition hosted by the National Geographic Society, is designed to encourage schools to teach geography, increase student interest, and heighten public awareness of the subject; and

WHEREAS, Akhil Rekulapelli advanced to the national competition after winning his school-level geographic bee and the Virginia Geographic Bee, where he competed against 99 other students; and

WHEREAS, one of 54 finalists among more than 4 million student competitors nationwide, Akhil Rekulapelli secured his victory in the National Geographic Bee with the correct answer to a question about the Vaca Muerta formation in Argentina; and

WHEREAS, showing immense dedication, Akhil Rekulapelli has built a strong foundation for lifelong learning; he follows news and current events closely, while studying prominent geographic features in major countries; and

WHEREAS, Akhil Rekulapelli earned a \$50,000 college scholarship and a chance to expand his knowledge of the world with a trip to the Galápagos Islands; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Akhil Rekulapelli on winning the 2014 National Geographic Bee; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Akhil Rekulapelli as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his knowledge and determination and best wishes for the future.

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