

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 721

Commending the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2017

WHEREAS, in May 2016, the student conservationists of the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team won the Virginia Envirothon state championship, held at Eastern Mennonite University; and

WHEREAS, Envirothon is a team-based academic competition that gives students an opportunity to learn from natural resource professionals; students are tested in a variety of categories and must present a solution to a real-world environmental challenge; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team placed third in forestry, first in soils, first in wildlife, second in aquatics, fifth in current issue, and fifth in presentation to claim first place overall; and

WHEREAS, Fort Defiance High School began participating in Envirothon competitions in 2001, and the team has won nine state titles and one North American title; with the 2016 state win, the Fort Defiance High School team advanced to the North American competition in Ontario, Canada; and

WHEREAS, the victory is a testament to the hard work of each member of the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team—Jacob Wright, Jake Good, Jacob Lewis, Jacob Lam, and Elias Nafziger—the leadership of the coaches and advisors, and the enthusiastic support of the entire Fort Defiance High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team on winning the 2016 Virginia Envirothon state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Fort Defiance High School Envirothon team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's outstanding achievements and dedication to the study of environmental science and conservation.

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