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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 872**

Offered February 3, 2017

*Commending American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180.*

Patrons—Kearney; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, for 80 years, American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 has supported the veteran community in Vienna and honored the service and sacrifices of all men and women in uniform at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion is the largest veterans organization in the world, with more than three million members in the United States and 28 other countries; American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 was founded in 1936 by a group of World War I veterans who saw the need for a post in Vienna; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 bears the names of two local service members killed during World War I; the post is located on land that was granted to John Jenkins in 1745, was later sold to William Fairfax, and was deeded to the post in 1956; and

WHEREAS, like all American Legion posts, American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 is committed to serving active and retired service members and providing care and support for wounded service members and widows and orphans; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 has participated in numerous community events in Vienna and maintains partnerships with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, local Boy Scouts of America troops, the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, Hospice of Northern Virginia, Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Plantation, and the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 on the occasion of its 80th anniversary in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's legacy of service to veterans and the Vienna community.

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