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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 473

Offered February 23, 2017

Commending the McLean High School gymnastics team.

Patrons—Sullivan, Lopez, Murphy and Simon

WHEREAS, the McLean High School gymnastics team won the Virginia High School League Group 6A state gymnastics championship in February 2017; and

WHEREAS, the McLean High School Highlanders finished in first place at the state championship with 146.575 points, besting the team from Colonial Forge High School, which had 145.6 points; and

WHEREAS, junior Samantha Simon led the McLean Highlanders' charge by posting the top individual scores in three events: uneven bars (9.525), balance beam (9.85), and floor exercise (9.7), and she added a score of 9.35 on vault; and

WHEREAS, the McLean Highlanders were also boosted by junior Carolyn Brown-Kaiser, who posted a 9.55 on vault as well as strong marks on uneven bars (8.625), balance beam (9.425), and floor exercise (9.425); and

WHEREAS, 2017 marked the second state gymnastics title in three years for the McLean Highlanders team, which won the state championship in 2015 but missed the state title meet in 2016, a factor that motivated team members to seek redemption and success; and

WHEREAS, the entire McLean Highlanders gymnastics team showed dedication and contributed to the state championship title, as well as the team's sweep of the Liberty Conference 6 and Group 6A North Region meets; and

WHEREAS, the hard work of the McLean High School gymnastics team was enthusiastically cheered by the school's athletics department staff, administrators, and student body, and made possible by the sacrifices and support of the team members' parents and family members; and

WHEREAS, McLean High School gymnastics coach Courtney Lesson ably led the team in pursuit of the state championship, working throughout the season to develop the individual skills of the team members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the McLean High School gymnastics team hereby be commended on winning the Virginia High School League Group 6A state gymnastics championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Courtney Lesson, coach of the McLean High School gymnastics team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's championship performance and best wishes for the future.

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