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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 275

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Commending Virginia Thrasher.

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WHEREAS, Virginia Thrasher of Springfield proudly represented the United States and the Commonwealth and received the first gold medal of the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 after winning the women's 10-meter air rifle event; and

WHEREAS, an alumna of West Springfield High School, Virginia "Ginny" Thrasher cultivated a love of shooting sports while hunting with her grandfather and joined the rifle team in high school and at West Virginia University; and

WHEREAS, earlier in 2016, Ginny Thrasher claimed the individual titles in both air rifle and small bore rifle at the National Collegiate Athletic Association rifle championship, leading the West Virginia University Mountaineers to their fourth consecutive national title; and

WHEREAS, at the 2016 Olympic Games, Ginny Thrasher was one of eight competitors to qualify for the finals of the women's 10-meter air rifle event; she scored a perfect 10.9 on her first shot in the finals and ultimately out-shot a two-time Olympic gold medalist by one point to top the podium in the first medal ceremony of the Rio Olympics; and

WHEREAS, as a member of Team USA, which earned the most medals of the 2016 Olympic Games with 121 overall, including 46 gold medals, Ginny Thrasher also competed in the women's 50-meter three-position rifle event; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career in competitive shooting, and during the Olympic Games in particular, Ginny Thrasher has enjoyed the passionate support of her family, friends, coaches, and the members of the Springfield community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Virginia Thrasher on winning a gold medal in the women's 10-meter air rifle event at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Virginia Thrasher as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her exceptional achievements as a member of Team USA.

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