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Commending Patricia and Chris Haskins.

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Patrons—Adams, L.R. and Marshall; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Patricia and Chris Haskins of Chatham were named as the runners-up for the American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award in January 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award recognizes young farmers for their success in production agriculture and their leadership both in the farming profession and in their communities; Patricia and Chris Haskins were selected from among the top farmers in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Haskins is a former chair of the Pittsylvania County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and is a veterinarian who works at a local small animal clinic and with cattle on the farm; Chris Haskins is a fourth-generation farmer who manages a cow-calf operation and grows burley, flue-cured, and experimental biofuel tobacco; and

WHEREAS, Patricia and Chris Haskins are members of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers Committee and the Pittsylvania County Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee; and

WHEREAS, as runners-up for the Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award, Patricia and Chris Haskins received a \$3,000 prize, a Case IH tractor, and equipment from Stihl, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Patricia and Chris Haskins ably represented the professionalism, knowledge, and work ethic of all Virginia farmers on the national stage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Patricia and Chris Haskins on being named as runners-up for the American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Patricia and Chris Haskins as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their achievements and best wishes for the future.