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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 327

Offered February 21, 2018

*Commending Manchester High School's Lancer Theatre Company.*

Patrons—Robinson, Adams, D.M. and Cox; Senators: Chase and Dance

WHEREAS, Manchester High School's Lancer Theatre Company of Midlothian was a finalist in the secondary one-act play festival at the Virginia Theatre Association's Annual Conference in October 2017; and

WHEREAS, the secondary one-act play festival is the largest event at the conference, which was held in Norfolk, and Manchester High School's Lancer Theatre Company competed against talented teams from more than 50 high schools; and

WHEREAS, Manchester High School's Lancer Theatre Company performed *Gidion's Knot* by Johnna Adams, a powerful piece that follows a conversation between a teacher and a mother who recently lost her child to suicide; and

WHEREAS, Manchester High School's Kaitlyn Cottingham and Kendall Hardin both earned all-star cast awards for their performances of the mother, Coryn, and the teacher, Heather; the company finished as one of six finalists in the competition; and

WHEREAS, the one-act play was directed by Cary Nothnagel, a longtime teacher with over 15 years of experience, whose hard work and dedication to students has helped Manchester High School's Lancer Theatre Company become very successful; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Jackson Lockhart, a crew member for the Lancer Theatre Company and a talented playwright, placed third in the competition for his original one-act play *Never Came Back*; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Manchester High School's Lancer Theatre Company for its performance at the 2017 Virginia Theatre Association Annual Conference; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Manchester High School's Lancer Theatre Company as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the company's achievements and best wishes for the future.

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