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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 157

Offered March 6, 2018

*Commending Marissa Sumathipala.*

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WHEREAS, Marissa Sumathipala, a senior at Broad Run High School in Ashburn, was named as a 2018 Regeneron Science Talent Search Finalist; and

WHEREAS, Marissa Sumathipala received this prestigious honor for her work to develop a new therapeutic treatment for cardiovascular disease that leads to a 100 percent survival improvement; cardiovascular disease is one of the leading causes of death and affects more than 400 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Marissa Sumathipala's innovative treatment restores diseased hearts, reduces arrhythmia, improves contractility, and revives damaged heart muscles; and

WHEREAS, Marissa Sumathipala also founded and led Loudoun County's first International Genetically Engineered Machines Team, for which she received international recognition, and she is a two-time grand prize winner of the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair; and

WHEREAS, young innovators like Marissa Sumathipala allow the Commonwealth to face the challenges of the future head-on; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Marissa Sumathipala hereby be commended on her selection as a 2018 Regeneron Science Talent Search Finalist; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marissa Sumathipala as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her achievements and best wishes for the future.

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