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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1004

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Commending Helen Ganley.

Patrons—Sullivan; Senator: Howell

WHEREAS, Helen Ganley, a student at McLean High School, won the Congressional Award Gold Medal, the highest award for young Americans presented by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Helen Ganley received her award at a ceremony that honored winners from across the country on June 21, 2018, at an event on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, to meet the requirements for the award, Falls Church resident Helen Ganley focused on the four program areas of voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition or exploration; and

WHEREAS, as an avid volleyball fan, Helen Ganley volunteered to coach a middle school volleyball team so that other girls could enjoy the sport as much as she does; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill the personal development and physical fitness requirement, Helen Ganley focused on music; as a percussionist she wanted to test herself by applying for a rigorous pre-professional program and after practicing and auditioning, she was later accepted to the Interlochen Wind Symphony program; Helen Ganley marched on the McLean High School's marching band's drumline, developing her stamina and becoming a section leader; and

WHEREAS, to meet the exploration requirement of the program, Helen Ganley organized a trip to New York City to see Broadway shows where she gained important experience troubleshooting; and

WHEREAS, to acknowledge her achievement the McLean Citizens Association awarded Helen Ganley a Teen Character Award for her personal efforts and service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Helen Ganley, a student at McLean High School, for receiving the Congressional Award Gold Medal from the United States Congress; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Helen Ganley as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her commitment to service and personal growth.

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