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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1076**

Offered February 18, 2019

*Commending the Patrick Henry College moot court team.*

Patrons—LaRock, Fowler and Ware; Senator: Black

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry College moot court team won its 12th intercollegiate moot court national championship at the American Moot Court Association national tournament in January 2019 in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the American Moot Court Association is the only national organization dedicated to intercollegiate moot court competition; more than 400 different teams competed in qualifying tournaments during the 2018 - 2019 season; and

WHEREAS, continuing a proud tradition of excellence, the Patrick Henry College moot court team's victory was the school's 12th national title; no other team in the history of the competition has won twice; and

WHEREAS, Michael Patton from Kansas City, Missouri, and Keely Wright from Louisville, Kentucky, claimed the top award for Patrick Henry College; the institution placed three teams among the top eight in the nation and four of its students won top 20 speaker awards; and

WHEREAS, each member of the 2018 - 2019 championship roster—Marina Barnes, Micah Bock, Samuel Bock, Caleb Canna, Benjamin Crosby, Thomas Doan, Clare Downing, Thomas Keith, Cooper Milhouse, Emil Meintjes, Michael Patton, Benjamin Phibbs, Simon Sefzik, Andrew Shelton, Keely Wright, and Kyle Ziemnick—contributed to the victory; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry College moot court team owes its ongoing success to the dedication and hard work of all its team members, the leadership of coaches and faculty, and the enthusiastic support of the Patrick Henry College community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Patrick Henry College moot court team on winning the American Moot Court Association national tournament in January 2019; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Frank Guliuzza, Ph.D., coach of the Patrick Henry College moot court team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's continuing legacy of impressive performances in moot court competition.