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Commending Kayleigh Kim.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

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Patron—Howell

WHEREAS, Kayleigh Kim, a Virginia native and student at Oakton High School in Vienna, was selected to compete in the Yehudi Menuhin International Competition for Young Violinists in Richmond in 2020; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1983 by its namesake to cultivate the talents of aspiring musicians, the biannual Yehudi Menuhin International Competition for Young Violinists is regarded today as the premier international musical competition for violinists under the age of 22; and

WHEREAS, selected to be one of 44 competitors out of 321 skilled applicants from around the globe, the honor of performing in the competition is one of many in Kayleigh Kim's already impressive musical career; and

WHEREAS, only 15 years of age, Kayleigh Kim has played on some of the world's most notable stages, including Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, Merkin Concert Hall, and Strathmore Hall; and

WHEREAS, an alumnus of the Heifetz International Music Institute at Mary Baldwin University, Kayleigh Kim currently studies with Catherine Cho and Francesca dePasquale in the Pre-College Division of the Juilliard School, the renowned music conservatory; and

WHEREAS, previously a student of Ko Sugiyama, assistant concertmaster of the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra, Kayleigh Kim has played in master classes with many leading violinists from around the world, including Hilary Hahn, Shirley Givens, Mark Kaplan, and Aaron Rosand; and

WHEREAS, figuring prominently in youth orchestras throughout the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, Kayleigh Kim has been distinguished as a National Symphony Orchestra youth fellow and as a concertmaster with the Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras, of which she was a member from 2015 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, Kayleigh Kim has already enjoyed great success in several earlier musical competitions, including the Music Teachers National Association Competition, the Joseph and Goldie Feder Memorial String Competition, and the 2018 Indiana University Violin Concerto Competition; and

WHEREAS, Kayleigh Kim's inspirational accomplishments are the result of her remarkable talents, hard work, and tireless dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Kayleigh Kim, a young master violinist at Oakton High School, hereby be commended for the distinction of competing in the 2020 Yehudi Menuhin International Competition for Young Violinists; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kayleigh Kim as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her remarkable achievement and best wishes for the future.