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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 617

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Commending the River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm Award.

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WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide farmers throughout the Commonwealth with education, technical assistance, and incentive programs to encourage nutrient reduction and water quality improvement; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed legislation in 1998 to establish the Clean Water Farm Award Program, which is administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Farm Award Program furthers the Commonwealth's water quality goals by recognizing farmers actively engaged in implementing important conservation practices that control nutrients, sediment, and other agricultural nonpoint source pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the Soil and Water Conservation Districts selected local farms across the Commonwealth for recognition in 2020 as winners of the Clean Water Farm Award; and

WHEREAS, farms have been selected to represent the Commonwealth's major river basins and to recognize the exemplary efforts of such farms in implementing best management practices; and

WHEREAS, those winners are:

Ronnie Nuckols, Overhome Farm, Goochland County, for the James River Basin;

Belle-Hampton Farm, Pulaski County, for the New River Basin;

The Cockerill Family, Fort Bacon Farm, Loudoun County, for the Potomac River Basin;

Goodall Family Farm, Madison County, for the Rappahannock River Basin;

Dennis C. Powell, Oak Ridge Farm, Franklin County, for the Roanoke River Basin;

D&M Farms, LLC, Shenandoah County, for the Shenandoah River Basin; and

Elk Creek Farm, Louisa County, for the York River Basin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm Award as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their commitment to conserving the Commonwealth's natural resources and their outstanding conservation achievements.

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