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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 637

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Commending Matthew Savage.

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WHEREAS, Matthew Savage has advanced youth civic engagement in the Commonwealth as chair of the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus; and

WHEREAS, during Matthew Savage's tenure, the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus tripled its high school chapters, becoming by that measure the largest constituency caucus of the Virginia Young Democrats; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Savage helped lead a lobbying campaign in the General Assembly to garner support for legislation that would allow students an excused absence from school to participate in a civic event; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Savage and the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus collaborated with the Teenage Republican Federation of Virginia to further their legislative objectives, providing an example of bipartisan collaboration that has been an inspiration to many; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Savage's admirable efforts to make it easier for students to be involved in the political process were prominently featured in national media outlets, including the *Washington Post*; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service with the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus, Matthew Savage represented the Commonwealth on the national committee of the High School Democrats of America; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Savage has selflessly decided to conclude his term as chair of the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus before finishing high school, facilitating a smooth transition in leadership that will foster the continued success of the caucus for years to come; and

WHEREAS, as the youngest member of both the Central Committee of the Virginia Democratic Party and the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee, Matthew Savage's future in politics appears bright and full of promise; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Matthew Savage hereby be commended for serving as chair of the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus and for promoting youth civic activities in the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Matthew Savage as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes for the future.

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