

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 641

Commending the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus and the Teenage Republican Federation of Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 27, 2021

WHEREAS, the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus and the Teenage Republican Federation of Virginia worked together to build bipartisan consensus on historic legislation giving young people in the Commonwealth more opportunities to make their voices heard in local and state government; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus, founded in 1932, is the official teen wing of the Democratic Party of Virginia and is chaired by Matthew Savage; and

WHEREAS, the Teenage Republican Federation of Virginia, founded in 2020, works to help young people become more involved with the Republican Party of Virginia and is chaired by Brady Hillis; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Fairfax County Public Schools began offering students one excused absence for the purpose of attending a protest or political rally, and the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus and the Teenage Republican Federation of Virginia subsequently worked together to develop legislation expanding this opportunity to all students in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the legislation, which was introduced in both the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia and grants middle school and high school students in the Commonwealth one excused absence per academic year to attend a protest or political event of their choice, passed both chambers with bipartisan support; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus and the Teenage Republican Federation of Virginia demonstrated that civic engagement is critical for young people across the political spectrum and overcame differences to achieve a common goal with civility and mutual respect, setting a good example for both citizens and local and state officials throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus and the Teenage Republican Federation of Virginia hereby be commended for their efforts to advocate for bipartisan legislation promoting civic engagement among young people in the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus and the Teenage Republican Federation of Virginia as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their leadership and commitment to service.

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