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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 242

Offered February 17, 2022

Commending Austin Riddell.

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WHEREAS, Austin Riddell, a fourth grade student at Redbud Run Elementary School in Winchester, has inspired the community through his dedication to honoring veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, with family members in the United States Armed Forces going back four generations, Austin Riddell has long understood the courage and commitment required of our veterans; and

WHEREAS, Austin Riddell created a tribute to veterans that he presented at his school, which has helped many of his classmates gain a deeper understanding of veterans and their service; and

WHEREAS, Austin Riddell has appeared before the Frederick County School Board to advocate in favor of making Veterans Day an official school holiday; and

WHEREAS, to bring greater awareness to his admirable cause, Austin Riddell held a ceremony outside Millbrook High School in Winchester on Veterans Day in 2021, and

WHEREAS, what was initially envisioned as a small gathering blossomed into a major event attended by various prominent individuals in the community; and

WHEREAS, those in attendance at Austin Riddell's tribute included members of the local chapters of The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, then Lieutenant Governor-elect Winsome Sears, members of the Frederick County Board of Supervisors, and representatives of Frederick County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, by compelling others to reflect on the bravery and selflessness of America's veterans, Austin Riddell has prompted greater recognition of and appreciation for their heroic service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Austin Riddell for his meritorious efforts to honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Austin Riddell as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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