

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the team of students at Fayette Academy in Somerville that was recently named Best In State in the Verizon Innovative App Challenge.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic and creative excellence, have distinguished themselves both in the classroom and in their community; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy group of individuals is the Fayette Academy high school team of students that was recently named one of ninety Best In State winners in the nationwide Verizon Innovative App Challenge; and

WHEREAS, created as a partnership between the Verizon Foundation and the Technology Student Association (TSA), the Verizon Innovative App Challenge encourages student involvement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) by challenging young students to create a mobile application concept that would solve a problem in their school or community; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 contest was the third-annual national challenge and had more than one thousand concept submissions; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette Academy team's concept, "D-Track," is a healthcare application that allows diabetic drivers to check their blood glucose readings before driving with the help of reminders and alerts; D-Track can also notify family members and friends of any pertinent information regarding the safety of the diabetic individual; and

WHEREAS, of the ninety Best In State winners, twenty-four will win Best In Region titles and will go on to vie for the eight Best In Nation titles; and

WHEREAS, regional winners will receive cash grants of \$5,000 for their schools to develop and support STEM subjects; national winners will receive \$15,000 cash grants for STEM subjects, individual Samsung tablets for team members, further coding and application development training at the MIT Media Lab, and development of their app for presentation at the National TSA Conference in June of 2015, with the possibility of further development and sales; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette Academy students' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for their parents, their school, and this State; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette Academy students epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, as their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize the Fayette Academy team of students upon being named Best In State in the Verizon Innovative App Challenge and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.