

BY: Senator PALUMBO

CONGRATULATING Erin Peskin upon the occasion of being selected as a National Delegate to the 2022 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment at George Mason University

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Erin Peskin upon the occasion of being selected as a National Delegate to the 2022 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment at George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, Erin Peskin, a junior at Longwood High School, demonstrated a passion for science and the environment in her freshman biology class and was invited by her teacher to join the Environmental Club in her sophomore year; she was introduced to Students For Climate Action (S4CA), an organization led by students who advocate for change in policies that affect climate change; currently, she is the lead representative for Longwood High School in S4CA and has been part of writing a bill for that cause; and

WHEREAS, Erin Peskin was voted by her peers to become President of the Environmental Club; in this capacity, she manages approximately 40 students who are involved in many projects such as relocating an Osprey nest on campus, installing water bottle refilling stations on campus, raising trout in the classroom, and developing fundraisers for the club and much more; and

WHEREAS, With her ambition and drive, Erin Peskin was accepted into the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment (WHYSE) program at George Mason University in Washington D.C.; this summer, she will be working with other students from all over the country, engaging in activities that promote careers in environmental science, conservation, policy, law or engineering, as well as connecting with prominent leaders and experts in these fields; and

WHEREAS, The program will be held at George Mason University's state-of-the-art campus and will encourage and inspire young leaders who desire a unique experience focused on successful careers in this dynamic industry; and

WHEREAS, George Mason University and partners National Geographic and the National Zoo will welcome the nation's young scholars to Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Youth Summit on the Environment offers

aspiring environmentalists and student leaders an unparalleled experience with distinguished faculty, guest speakers, and direct access to elite D.C. practitioners; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional young lady is the first student in the history of Longwood High School to have been selected for this prestigious opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Erin Peskin upon the occasion of being selected as a National Delegate to the 2022 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment, and best wishes for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Erin Peskin.