

1 **House Resolution No. 30**

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5 (By Delegates Fleischauer, Barill, Marshall and Pasdon)

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7 Recognizing the many contributions of the Proud Students Against  
8 Land Mines (PSALM) at the St. Francis de Sales Central  
9 Catholic School.

10 WHEREAS, PSALM's goal is a mine and cluster bomb free world for  
11 all children. PSALM students have collected medical supplies for  
12 land mine victims in Nicaragua, provided a prosthetic device for a  
13 young Bosnian land mine victim, raised funds to train mine  
14 detection dogs, and sponsored three water wells in land mine  
15 affected regions of Cambodia; and

16 WHEREAS, PSALM students have joined with over 300 non-  
17 governmental organizations in 80 countries to launch a worldwide  
18 campaign to urge governmental support to ban cluster bombs; and

19 WHEREAS, PSALM students have made presentations at the West  
20 Virginia Capitol for Diocesan Legislative Days, Social Justice  
21 Awareness Day at the Pope John Paul Center in Washington, DC, and  
22 were published in a book about peace along with 8 Nobel Peace  
23 Laureates; and

24 WHEREAS, Land mines and cluster munitions pose a grave danger  
25 to civilians in situations of conflict because of the

1 indiscriminate way the weapons are designed to scatter explosives  
2 over wide swaths of land and continue to endanger civilians long  
3 after a conflict is over; and

4       WHEREAS, Land mines and cluster munitions have killed or maimed  
5 more people than nuclear, chemical and biological weapons combined;  
6 therefore, be it

7       *Resolved by the House of Delegates:*

8       That the House hereby recognizes the many contributions of the  
9 Proud Students Against Land Mines (PSALM) at the St. Francis de  
10 Sales Central Catholic School; and be it

11       *Further Resolved,* That the House extends its sincere  
12 appreciation to these committed students who unselfishly work to  
13 save civilians, families and children from the damaging effects of  
14 land mines and cluster munitions; and, be it

15       *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the House forward a  
16 certified copy of this resolution to the students that participate  
17 in the Proud Students Against Land Mines (PSALM) organization and  
18 the PSALM Coordinator at the St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic  
19 School.