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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 333

Offered January 24, 2000

Commending the Salem High School girls' volleyball team.

Patrons—Wagner, Drake, McDonnell, Purkey, Suit, Tata and Wardrup; Senators: Forbes, Rerras, Schrock and Stolle

WHEREAS, the girls' volleyball team from Salem High School in Virginia Beach won the 1998 Virginia High School League Group AAA state volleyball championship; and

WHEREAS, the Sun Devils earned Salem High School's first girls' volleyball state title and the third state championship in any sport in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Salem Sun Devils earned a measure of revenge in the state tournament, defeating defending champion Mills Godwin High School, 16 — 14, 15 —12, 6 —15, 15 —3, in the semifinal match; and

WHEREAS, in the state finals, the Sun Devils faced longtime Beach District rival Frank W. Cox High School for the fourth time in the 1998 season; and

WHEREAS, in an unusually close and hard-fought match, the Sun Devils rallied from a two-games-to-one deficit to even the match by winning the fourth game by a 15 — 7 score; and

WHEREAS, in a tense fifth—and deciding—game, the Sun Devils faced a match point with the score 14 — 12 against them, but won four straight points under great pressure to win the game, the match, and the championship; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Owen Dixon's Salem Sun Devils finished their triumphant 1998 season with a record of 26 — 2 and with a well-earned state title; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Sun Devils from Salem High School on their superlative 1998 volleyball season; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Head Coach Owen Dixon in honor of the championship performance of the Salem High School girls' volleyball team.

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