## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 333**

Commending the Salem High School girls' volleyball team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 28, 2000 Agreed to by the Senate, February 3, 2000

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 Salem High School girls' volleyball team on their superlative 1998 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 Sun Devils from Salem High School.