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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 499**

Offered February 27, 2008

3 Commending the Riverbend High School girls' soccer team.

Patrons-Cole, Orrock and Peace; Senators: Houck and McDougle

6 WHEREAS, the Riverbend High School girls' soccer team won the Virginia High School League7 Group AA state soccer championship on June 9, 2007; and

8 WHEREAS, the Riverbend Bears, from Spotsylvania County, defeated Courtland High School, 2 - 0,
9 in the state final to end the season with a perfect 23 - 0 record and bring home the school's first state
10 championship in any sport only three years after the school opened its doors; and

11 WHEREAS, led by seniors Bailey Wilcox and Carly Sullivan, the young Riverbend squad played 12 with tenacity all season, determined to improve upon their semifinal appearance in the 2006 state 13 tournament; and

WHEREAS, in the championship game, Bailey Wilcox scored both of Riverbend's goals, one in thefirst half and one in the second half, and as the game wound down, the Bears prepared for a majorcelebration; and

WHEREAS, the triumphant performance of the 2007 Riverbend girls' soccer team is a tribute to the talent, commitment, and perseverance of the players; the leadership of Head Coach Becca Berry and her staff; and the support of the parents, students, and faculty of Riverbend High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
 commend and congratulate the Bears from Riverbend High School on their outstanding 2007 season and
 Group AA state title; and, be it

RÉSOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
 for presentation to Head Coach Becca Berry as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for
 the championship performance of the Riverbend High School girls' soccer team.

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