

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 211

Commending the Loudoun County High School girls' volleyball team.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 25, 2010
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 5, 2010

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County High School girls' volleyball team won its third straight Virginia High School League's Group AA state volleyball championship before an enthusiastic crowd at Virginia Commonwealth University's Siegel Center on November 21, 2009; and

WHEREAS, on the way to the state title, the Loudoun County Raiders won the Region II championship and defeated Cave Spring High School in the semifinals in a five-set thriller; and

WHEREAS, in the championship game, the Loudoun County High School girls' volleyball team soundly defeated Grafton High School in three sets, 25-17, 25-12, and 25-10; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Raiders finished the season with a 26-3 record and Loudoun County High School became the first Group AA high school to win three state championships in a row; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Loudoun County Raiders completed a perfect 28-0 season with an exciting five-game victory over Grafton High School; the team came back in 2008 to defeat Hidden Valley High School for its second straight state title; and

WHEREAS, over the past four years, the Loudoun County Raiders have also won four Region II titles, four Dulles District Regular Season titles, and three Dulles District Tournament championships, and have compiled an impressive 109-7 record; and

WHEREAS, the entire team, composed of Hannah Arnold, Molly Baldwin, Julianne Hanna, Robin Marsala, Emily Vandegrift, Erin Dancy, Jenna Strange, Kathleen Horvath, Gabby Serafin, Sammy Dormio, Allie Cain, Rachel Arigo, Colleen Bowlds, Danielle Cullen, and Katrina Kirby, played with great talent and determination throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, Jenica Matthias, head coach of the volleyball team since 2002, left on maternity leave during the 2009 season, elevating Assistant Coach Jarod Brown as Head Coach for the remainder of the season; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Jarod Brown received District, Regional, and State Group AA Coach of the Year honors for the 2009 season while senior Julianne Hanna was chosen as the Region II Player of the Year, State Group AA Player of the Year, and as the Gatorade Virginia Volleyball Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the triumphant performance of the 2009 Raiders is a tribute to the talent, dedication, and perseverance of the players; the leadership of Head Coaches Jenica Matthias and Jarod Brown, Assistant Coaches Shannon Nicholson, Laura Stevens, and John Brown, and Managers Anthony Vespoli and Brandon Rabackoff; and the support of the students and faculty of Loudoun County High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Loudoun County High School girls' volleyball team on its well-deserved third straight Group AA state volleyball championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jenica Matthias, head coach of the Loudoun County High School girls' volleyball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the championship performance of the Loudoun County High School girls' volleyball team.

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