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Commending Ben Grove.

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WHEREAS, Ben Grove, while a senior at John Handley High School in Winchester, was recognized as *The Winchester Star's* Boys' Swimmer of the Year for the 2009 - 2010 season; and

WHEREAS, Ben Grove had a spectacular senior season that included winning the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley at the Northwestern District meet and culminated in his second consecutive state title in the 100-yard breaststroke; and

WHEREAS, at the Williamsburg Aquatic Center, Ben Grove swam the 100-yard breaststroke in 57.43 seconds to break his own record; he placed third in the 200-yard individual medley; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding athlete, Ben Grove was the only swimmer to break a state record at the Group AA/A state championship meet and ranked among the top three in the area in all eight individual events for the 2009 - 2010 season; and

WHEREAS, Ben Grove also finished in the top 10 in three breaststroke events at the 2010 National Club Swimming Association Junior Nationals; and

WHEREAS, Ben Grove has an incredibly strong work ethic and adheres to a strict training schedule to achieve the high goals he sets for himself; and

WHEREAS, Ben Grove has been a strong asset to the John Handley High School team, which under the direction of his coach and father, Tag Grove, finished 19th out of 42 teams in the state; and

WHEREAS, Ben Grove's swimming prowess and outstanding academic record took him to the United States Naval Academy, where he is now a member of the team that has won seven straight Patriot League titles and back-to-back Eastern College Athletic Conference titles; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Ben Grove for his selection as *The Winchester Star's* Boys' Swimmer of the Year for the 2009 - 2010 season; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ben Grove as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on his outstanding performance and best wishes in his future endeavors.

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