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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

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Commending Rochelle Evans.

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WHEREAS, Rochelle Evans became the new state record holder in the girls' shot put competition with a winning heave of 45 feet, 9 inches at the 2010 - 2011 Virginia High School League Group AA State Outdoor Track and Field Meet, breaking the old mark of 45 feet, 7 3/4 inches set in 1983; and

WHEREAS, in her junior year, Rochelle Evans claimed Virginia High School League state championship honors in the girls' discus competition at the same meet with a throw of 135 feet, 7 inches, which broke her own Christiansburg High School record; and

WHEREAS, Rochelle Evans' 2010 - 2011 season also included setting a meet record in the girls' shot put at the Cosmopolitan Invitational in Salem; she threw the shot put 43 feet, 3 1/2 inches, breaking the mark of 41 feet, 2 inches set in 2008; and

WHEREAS, at the Cosmopolitan Invitational, Rochelle Evans also out-hurled her competition in the discus competition, winning the event with a throw of 119 feet, 7 inches; and

WHEREAS, Rochelle Evans' talent and strength were noticed during her sixth-grade year when a local track and field coach saw her shooting half-court baskets; he urged her join the Christiansburg High School track team as soon as she entered high school, which she did, and as a freshman, she placed in the top 16 in the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, Rochelle Evans comes from a family of outstanding athletes; her brother is a running back at Virginia Tech and her father also played football there; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Rochelle Evans for achieving the state record in the 2010 - 2011 Virginia High School League Group AA girls' shot put competition and for winning the girls' discus throw at the state meet; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rochelle Evans as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for her impressive talent and strength.

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