

2012 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

Commending Patrick O'Keefe.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2012
Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2012

WHEREAS, Patrick O'Keefe of Salem High School became the only boys' tennis four-time winner in the history of the Virginia High School League by winning the Group AA 2011 state championship in boys' tennis; and

WHEREAS, in his four years of playing in the Virginia High School League state championship, Patrick O'Keefe never lost a set, and the final score in his 2011 victory was 6 - 0, 6 - 0; and

WHEREAS, Patrick O'Keefe, together with teammate Will Drougas, also won the 2011 Group AA state boys' doubles title with a score of 6 - 1, 6 - 4, defeating a team from Lafayette High School; and

WHEREAS, the tennis partners also were victorious in 2009 and 2010, winning in straight sets both years, thus awarding Patrick O'Keefe a total of seven state championship trophies for his singles and doubles achievements; and

WHEREAS, Patrick O'Keefe amassed a 93 - 1 record in his four years at Salem High School, with his only loss coming when he was a freshman; the Salem boys' tennis team won the Virginia High School League Group AA state championship in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Patrick O'Keefe, who was undefeated in his last three seasons of high school, had a perfect 22 - 0 record in 2011; he also won the 2011 River Ridge District boys' singles tennis title and was named the district's Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Patrick O'Keefe is now a member of the men's tennis team at Radford University, where his mother, who played for the Highlanders in the early 1980s, is in the university's Athletics Hall of Fame; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Patrick O'Keefe for winning the 2011 Virginia High School League Group AA boys' state tennis championship, in the process becoming the only boys' high school singles player to win four state championships; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Patrick O'Keefe as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on his exceptional athletic achievements.

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