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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 541

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Commending the 2011 Briar Woods High School softball team.

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WHEREAS, the 2011 Briar Woods High School softball team from Ashburn won its first Virginia High School League Group AA state championship title on June 11, 2011, by defeating Woodgrove High School 9 - 1; and

WHEREAS, the encouragement and support of Principal Ed Starzenski and the entire Briar Woods High School community energized the players as they played to victory; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of head coach Jennifer Traina and her staff, the entire team—Emilie Ball, Kasey Ball, Jasmin Bradley, Lynn Brantley, Tracey Carney, Jordan Counts, Alexandra Fierszt, Casey Forbes, Caroline Fowler, Caylee Goad, Macy Jones, Kristina Karagiorgis, Carrie Keevey, Kacie Kondrotis, Jillian Olson, and Kayla Shroyer—contributed to the team's championship season; and

WHEREAS, the championship belongs not only to the Briar Woods High School Falcons softball team and its world-class coaches, but also to their families and the students and faculty at Briar Woods High School; and

WHEREAS, Briar Woods High School believes in the pursuit of excellence in a learning community; promotion of collaborative initiatives, relationships, and interactions among students, staff, parents, and community; promotion of individual growth and development; nurturing of students' self-confidence, intellectual growth, and social interactions; and setting of high expectations and standards for students, staff, and parents; and

WHEREAS, Briar Woods High School also believes in the recognition and rewarding of student achievements in co-curricular activities; growth and development of teachers, staff, and parents; provision of leadership opportunities; creation and maintenance of a comfortable environment of safety, well-being, trust, support, and respect; encouragement and support of creativity and innovation; fostering of connections with local and global communities; and valuing of (local to world) community service as a way of giving back and doing good; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the 2011 Briar Woods High School softball team hereby be commended on winning its first Virginia High School League Group AA state championship title; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jennifer Traina, head coach of the 2011 Briar Woods High School softball team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations and admiration for the team's outstanding season.

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