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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 581

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*Commending the Mathews High School girls' volleyball team.*

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WHEREAS, in November 2012, the Mathews High School girls' volleyball team won the Virginia High School League Group A, Division 2 state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Mathews Blue Devils defended their 2011 state title after finishing the regular season with an impressive 18 - 2 record; and

WHEREAS, by finishing with a perfect 6 - 0 record in their league, the Mathews Blue Devils swept the Tidewater District; and

WHEREAS, after thoroughly defeating Goochland High School in the quarterfinal of the state championship, the Mathews Blue Devils emerged victorious from a tough contest with Gate City High School in the semifinal; and

WHEREAS, in a dazzling come-from-behind win, the Mathews Blue Devils overcame a 2 - 1 lead by Stuarts Draft High School to triumph 3 - 2 and secure victory in the final; and

WHEREAS, Pat Moughon, head coach of the Mathews High School volleyball team, has guided the team to nine Tidewater District titles, two state titles, and a healthy 276 - 60 record in her 14-season tenure; and

WHEREAS, the combined experience of seniors Shelby Ware, Maddie McCann, Mackenzie Moughon, and Rachel Close proved to be a valued asset, with each player exhibiting poise and leadership throughout the tournament; and

WHEREAS, every member of the Mathews volleyball team contributed to the season; girls who were not starters ensured that practice matches mirrored the tension of actual games or helped players by calling "out" when a ball appeared to be sailing out of bounds; and

WHEREAS, the Mathews volleyball team is the pride of its community, and its success is a tribute to the enthusiastic support of the fans and the Mathews High School administration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the 2012 Mathews High School girls' volleyball team for winning the Group A, Division 2 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to head coach Pat Moughon as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's drive, determination, and skill.

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