2013 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 581

Commending the Mathews High School girls' volleyball team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 11, 2013 Agreed to by the Senate, January 17, 2013

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.