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Commending the Roanoke Catholic High School girls' volleyball team.

Patron—Head

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Catholic High School girls' volleyball team punctuated their season with a sound victory against Hampton Christian in the 2012 Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) Division III state championship final; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Catholic Celtics earned a 26 - 3 record throughout a season fraught with perilous games against rivals such as North Cross and behemoths such as Patrick Henry; and

WHEREAS, despite coming in as the underdog against Patrick Henry, a school with nearly 10 times the enrollment of Roanoke Catholic, the Celtics dominated play and took commanding leads in three of four games; and

WHEREAS, by frustrating Patrick Henry, then front-runner in the AAA Western Valley District, with deliberate execution of their digs and powerful front-line kills, the Celtics earned a stirring 3 - 1 win; and

WHEREAS, after defeating conference rivals North Cross twice during the regular season, the Celtics again met them in the Blue Ridge Conference tournament semifinals; and

WHEREAS, while the North Cross Raiders mounted a stalwart defense to win the second game, the Celtics broke through and rallied to win the match 3 - 1 with notable leads in the third and fourth games; and

WHEREAS, advancing to the VISAA Division III state championship, the Celtics maintained an impressive nine-game winning streak to win the tournament, defending their 2011 state title; and

WHEREAS, seniors and four-year starters, Mairin Guilfoyle and Ava Perez, shined in the state final, with Perez serving 28 assists and Guilfoyle hammering home match point; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 season is a credit to the talent and the unyielding performance of the entire team; the sturdy leadership of Aaron King, who now holds his second state championship title in his two-year tenure as head coach; and the support of the administration, students, and fans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Roanoke Catholic High School girls' volleyball team hereby be commended for their victory in the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association Division III state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Aaron King, head coach of the 2012 Roanoke Catholic High School girls' volleyball team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' praise and admiration for an exceptional season.

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