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Commending the Gate City High School volleyball team.

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WHEREAS, the Gate City High School volleyball team showed strength and determination by winning the Virginia High School League Group 2A state volleyball championship in straight sets in November 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School Lady Blue Devils won their fifth state championship since 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Blue Devils took a commanding lead in the first set, winning 25 - 18 against the Luray Bulldogs, only to have to fight their way back in the second set to win by the same margin; and

WHEREAS, with a two-set lead but trailing in the third set 23 - 21, the Lady Blue Devils took advantage of a momentum shift after Luray served the ball into the net; and

WHEREAS, with service now on their side, the Lady Blue Devils went on a 4 - 0 run that ended with two power kills and resulted in the state championship title; and

WHEREAS, the five-time champion Lady Blue Devils were led by long-time head coach Amy Reed and assistant coach Delonda Spivey and managed by Abby Sallee and Hope Spivey; and

WHEREAS, each athlete—Cori Baker, Julie Dockery, Lindsey Harper, Kerri Hite, Kyra Jessee, Caitlin McConnell, Haley Reed, Rosa Smith, Hannah Spivey, and Hayley Wolfe—contributed immensely to the victory; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the 2013 Gate City High School volleyball team for winning the Virginia High School League Group 2A state volleyball championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Amy Reed, head coach of the Gate City High School volleyball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's skill, determination, and strength.

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