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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 180

Offered March 5, 2014

Commending the Robinson Secondary School boys' swim and dive team.

Patrons—Filler-Corn, Bulova, Lopez and Hugo

WHEREAS, the Robinson Secondary School boys' swim and dive team kept the school's powerhouse reputation alive by winning the 2014 Virginia High School League Group 6A state championship on February 22, 2014, completing a perfect season; and

WHEREAS, it was a repeat performance for the Rams of Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax County; the team won the state title in 2013, and the school also won the state swim and dive championship seven consecutive times between 2003 and 2009; in total, the team has won nine of the past 12 state championships; and

WHEREAS, at the state meet, which was held in Richmond, the final score for Robinson Secondary School was 264 points; they defeated talented teams from Oakton High School and Frank W. Cox High School, who placed second and third respectively; and

WHEREAS, standout swimmers for the Robinson Rams include sophomores James Jones and James Murphy; James Jones became the state record holder of the 50-yard freestyle race, winning with a time of 20.75, and he also took first place in the 100-yard freestyle event, with a time of 46.13; both swimmers also qualified as All Americans; and

WHEREAS, James Murphy also displayed his talent and hard work by winning the 200-yard freestyle competition with a time of 1:39.21, and he also won the 500-yard freestyle race, with a time of 4:31.09; and

WHEREAS, the boys' team won two of the three relay events at the state championship meet; the 200-yard freestyle relay team and the 400-yard freestyle relay team from Robinson Secondary School took first place; Matt Jones, Matthew Honnold, Luke Jones, and James Murphy swam to a winning time of 1:26.45 in the 200-yard relay; and

WHEREAS, the Robinson Secondary School 400-yard relay team, consisting of James Murphy, Matt Jones, Luke Jones, and James Jones, won with a time of 3:06.48 to become the state record holders for the 400-yard freestyle relay; and

WHEREAS, the Robinson Rams finished the 2014 season with a 7 - 0 record in dual meets and won the conference, regional, and state titles; also, 10 members of the team individually qualified to compete in both the regional and state championship meets; and

WHEREAS, the Robinson Secondary School 2014 championship team had swimmers finish in the top four places in six out of eight individual events; all of the seniors on the team are headed to college and two of the seven members of the Class of 2014 plan to swim at the college level; and

WHEREAS, the champion swimmers, who are led by head coach Philip Caslavka, received strong support throughout the season from the students, staff, and fans of Robinson Secondary School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Robinson Secondary School boys' swim and dive team hereby be commended for winning the 2014 Virginia High School League Group 6A state championship and for having a perfect season; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Philip Caslavka, head coach of the Robinson Secondary School boys' swim and dive team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations and admiration for its championship season.

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