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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 191

Offered March 3, 2014

*Commending the Grundy High School Golden Wave wrestling team.*Patron—Puckett

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2014, the Grundy High School Golden Wave wrestling team won a record 18th state wrestling title in Group 2A competition at Salem Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, the Grundy High School Golden Wave wrestling team, which began modestly with only a few students and adults who sought to coach them, had nine state place winners, including seven finalists and four champions; and

WHEREAS, success in wrestling requires sacrifice, sweat, blood, and tears, and members of the Golden Wave wrestling team demonstrated determination, stamina, dedication, and focus to defeat their opponents for the coveted state and individual championship titles; and

WHEREAS, with the Golden Wave's 18th team win, it is tied with the longtime AAA power Great Bridge High School for the most state wrestling titles ever in any classification in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Wave wrestling team has the most individual state champions for any program in the state; senior Trey Smith won at 145 pounds for his second state title in three years, the 98th individual title won by a Golden Wave wrestler; Elliott Pedigo, a sophomore, won his first individual state title at 152 pounds after pinning Caleb Lankford of Richlands High School in the finals in 4:59, to win the 99th individual state title for Grundy High School; senior Dylan Raines, at 182 pounds, exploded off the mat in the second period, pushing from a 3 - 2 lead to pin Austin Smiley of Riverheads High School at the 3:32 mark; and senior Jordan McCowan, also at 182 pounds, defeated Wise County Central High School's Logan Adkins 3 - 1 in the finals of a rematch of the regionals; both Golden Wave senior wrestlers won their first individual state titles in Group 2A to become the 100th and 101st winners, respectively, for Grundy High School; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Wave wrestling team showed the passion and fire that have helped Grundy High School claim many championships over the years, and the 101 individual state titles establishes a record in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Grundy High School student body, parents, teachers and coaches, and the Grundy community are rightfully proud of the hard work, great success, and sportsmanship demonstrated by the Golden Wave to capture the 2013 state wrestling championship and individual state titles; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Wave wrestling team honors the Grundy High School and the community with its record 101 individual state wrestling titles in Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Grundy High School Golden Wave wrestling team; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Travis Fiser, coach of the Grundy High School Golden Wave wrestling team, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on a successful year and the team's outstanding accomplishment.

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