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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5211

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Commending the Mills E. Godwin High School girls' tennis team.

Patrons—Massie; Senator: Stosch

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2013, the Mills E. Godwin High School girls' tennis team won its 10th Virginia High School League Group AAA state championship and finished the season with a 21 - 1 record; and

WHEREAS, advancing to the state final for the 12th consecutive time, the Mills E. Godwin High School Eagles defeated the Deep Run High School Wildcats 5 - 2 to claim their eighth state title in 12 years and add another win to its 32 - 4 postseason record; and

WHEREAS, the Mills E. Godwin High School Eagles met the Deep Run High School Wildcats in three previous matches during the 2013 season, including in the regional final when the Eagles claimed their 14th consecutive regional championship; and

WHEREAS, with 10 state titles to their name, the Mills E. Godwin High School Eagles hold more state titles in tennis than any other school in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Mills E. Godwin High School Eagles won 154 of 179 individual matches during the 2013 season, an astounding rate of 86 percent; during the state championship tournament, the team went 15 - 7; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Randolph and Keerthana Shankar defeated teammates Jackie Dillon and Elizabeth Dudley to win the district doubles finals; all 17 members of the team received most valuable player awards; and

WHEREAS, each member of the 2013 Mills E. Godwin High School girls' tennis team—Jackie Dillon, Elizabeth Dudley, Katie Fitzsimmons, Morgan Fuqua, Brittany Hsieh, Emily Hutchinson, Madeline Johann, Sophie Linnell, AJ Lukanuski, Ara McCarty, Sarah Miller, Abigail Randolph, Haylee Seidenberg, Lynette Sequeira, Keerthana Shankar, Lucy Smith, and Sammie Townsend—contributed greatly to the successful season; and

WHEREAS, seniors Brittany Hsieh, Sarah Miller, Abigail Randolph, and Haylee Seidenberg finished their dynastic high school careers with 4 district championships, 4 regional championships, 2 state titles, and an 84 - 4 record, with a win rate of 95.5 percent; and

WHEREAS, the championship performance of the 2013 Mills E. Godwin Eagles is a tribute not only to the talent, commitment, and continued perseverance of the players, but also to the leadership of head coach Mark Seidenberg and his assistant coaches—Walt Atwell, Katie Blow, Jim Cohen, Haley Moses, and Todd Phillips—and the support of the parents, students, and faculty of Mills E. Godwin High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Mills E. Godwin High School girls' tennis team on winning the 2013 Virginia High School League Group AAA 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 Mark Seidenberg as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the outstanding performance of the 2013 Mills E. Godwin High School girls' tennis team.

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