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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 608

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Commending the Patrick Henry High School boys' volleyball team.

Patrons—Fowler and Peace

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry High School boys' volleyball team of Ashland won the Virginia High School League Group 5A state championship in November 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry High School Patriots defeated the Princess Anne High School Cavaliers, the three-time defending state champions from Virginia Beach, in a dominating three-set sweep, and hoisted the school's first state team championship trophy in any sport since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Henry Patriots setter Adam Lane led a relentless attack at the net with 29 assists and setter Ryan Farmer added 21 assists; and

WHEREAS, Jarrett Carrano led the team with nine kills, Jaxon Delgado led the team with six blocks, libero Luis Sagal led the team with 13 digs, and libero Connor Logan added 11 digs; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry Patriots owned the momentum for most of the state title match, which was a rematch of the sectional finals game played a week earlier that the Princess Anne Cavaliers won in five sets; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry Patriots' performance was so dominant in their 25 - 13 second set win it could be used as a "how-to" instructional video for high school volleyball; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Patrick Henry Patriots boys' volleyball team contributed to the state championship victory, and it took the effort of everyone on the court and on the bench for the team to reach the first boys' volleyball state championship game since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry Patriots boys' volleyball team's state championship victory could not have been possible without the support of the school's administration and staff and a terrific student section that is a sea of white T-shirts known as the patRIOT, which plays an important role in energizing the team; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry Patriots boys' volleyball team, under the leadership of head coach Michael Townsend, withstood adversity during their 21 - 4 season, were determined to improve and bounce back after losses, and kept their focus squarely trained on the goal of bringing home a state title; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Patrick Henry High School boys' volleyball team on winning the Virginia High School League Group 5A state championship in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael Townsend, coach of the Patrick Henry High School boys' volleyball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for the team's outstanding season and championship-caliber performance.

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