## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 333**

Commending Denis Kudla.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2017 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2017

WHEREAS, Denis Kudla of Arlington proudly represented the United States and the Commonwealth at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro in 2016, participating in the men's singles tennis tournament; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ukraine, Denis Kudla became a citizen of the United States at a young age and began playing tennis at the age of seven; he trained at the Junior Tennis Champions Center in Maryland and became a professional tennis player in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Denis Kudla, who plays right-handed with a two-handed backhand, has won seven singles titles at tournaments in the United States and the United Kingdom and four doubles titles in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in May 2016, Denis Kudla achieved his highest career ranking of No. 53 by the Association of Tennis Professionals; at the 2016 Olympic Games, he participated in the men's singles tennis tournament; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tennis career and particularly during the Olympic Games, Denis Kudla has enjoyed the support of his family, friends, coaches, and the members of the Arlington community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Denis Kudla for representing the United States in men's singles tennis at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Denis Kudla as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding achievements as a member of Team USA.