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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 439

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Commending the Hidden Valley High School volleyball team.

Patrons—Suetterlein; Delegates: Habeeb and Rasoul

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WHEREAS, the Hidden Valley High School volleyball team of Cave Spring was victorious in the Virginia High School League Group 3A state championship on November 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Hidden Valley High School Titans defeated the Blacksburg High School Bruins 3-1 in the title game, the fifth time the two district rivals faced one another during the season; and

WHEREAS, the Hidden Valley Titans were led by Lexi Alexander with 14 kills; Annie Clark with 12 kills and three aces; and Drew Freeland with eight kills, 37 assists, and 11 digs; libero Marley Willard had 27 digs; and

WHEREAS, the game ended with an ace served by Hidden Valley High School's Sawyer Freeland, who came off the bench late in the fourth game and provided a critical boost of energy that fueled the team's victory; and

WHEREAS, all of the members of the Hidden Valley High School volleyball team were an integral part of the championship season; their team work, closeness, and friendships are evident both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the Hidden Valley High volleyball team's state title was made possible through the encouragement, love, and support of the school's students, faculty, and staff, as well as all of the players' families; and

WHEREAS, Drew Freeland and Annie Clark were honored as members of the VHSL Group 3A First Team All-State Volleyball Team and Hidden Valley High School Coach Carla Ponn was named Group 3A Coach of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Hidden Valley High School volleyball team on winning the Virginia High School League Group 3A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Carla Ponn, coach of the Hidden Valley High School volleyball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's stellar effort this season and for championship honors.