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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 355

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Commending the McLean High School boys' tennis team.

Patrons—Sullivan, Murphy and Simon

WHEREAS, the McLean High School boys' tennis team of Fairfax County won the Virginia High School League Group 6A state championship on June 10, 2017, securing the first state title in the program's history; and

WHEREAS, the championship victory capped off a remarkable season for the McLean High School Highlanders, who finished the year with an unblemished 19 - 0 record and had all six of their starters selected for the all-conference first team; and

WHEREAS, in the thrilling state final at George Mason University, the McLean Highlanders rallied from behind to defeat the Oakton High School Cougars 5 - 4; and

WHEREAS, the McLean Highlanders started off slowly in the championship, winning only two singles matches courtesy of No. 1 Ben Keyser and No. 2 Matthew Tran; at the end of singles play, they trailed the Oakton Cougars 4 - 2; and

WHEREAS, the McLean Highlanders began their remarkable comeback in doubles play, picking up wins from their No. 3 pairing of Jason Wang and Andrew Lacaden and their No. 2 pairing of Jing Waid and Andrew Donelson; and

WHEREAS, with the overall score tied at 4 - 4, the McLean Highlanders' No. 1 doubles pairing of Ben Keyser and Matthew Tran took to the court for the decisive final match; after losing the first set, the duo battled from behind to win 2 - 1 and seal the championship; and

WHEREAS, the team's tennis championship was a breakthrough for the McLean Highlanders, who became the first boys' sports team in McLean High School history to win a state title; in addition, Ben Keyser and Matthew Tran secured the state doubles title; and

WHEREAS, the McLean Highlanders' maiden championship win is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all its talented student-athletes, the exemplary guidance of coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of family members, friends, and the entire McLean High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the McLean High School boys' tennis team on winning the Virginia High School League Group 6A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Aavo Tomkov, head coach of the McLean High School boys' tennis team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's outstanding undefeated season and best wishes for continued success.

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