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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 527

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending the Jefferson Forest High School boys' swim team.

Patrons—Byron, Austin and Garrett; Senators: Newman and Suetterlein

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Forest High School boys' swim team of Bedford County won the Virginia High School League Class 4A state championship on February 17, 2018, securing its second straight state title; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Forest High School Cavaliers turned in a strong team performance at the state championship meet and ended the day with 233 points, nine points ahead of second-place Monacan High School; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Forest Cavaliers brought 14 swimmers to the state meet and won the 200-yard medley relay with a team comprised of Matthew Davidson, Sutton Schonfelder, Connor Sauls, and Brian Grimmett; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Forest Cavaliers also won the 400-yard freestyle relay with a team comprised of Matthew Davidson, Connor Sauls, Brendan Murray, and Brian Grimmett; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Jefferson Forest Cavaliers showed outstanding overall quality by recording points-scoring finishes in several individual events; high finishers included Matthew Davidson, who clinched second in the 100-yard freestyle and third in the 100-yard backstroke; and Connor Sauls, who posted a fourth-place finish in the 200-yard individual medley and a fifth-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly; and

WHEREAS, prior to capturing a second straight state championship, the Jefferson Forest Cavaliers also won the Seminole District and Region 4A swimming crowns; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Forest High School boys' swim team's state championship is a testament to the skill and determination of all its student-athletes, the excellent guidance of its coaches and staff, and the energetic support of family members, friends, and the entire Jefferson Forest High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Jefferson Forest High School boys' swim team on winning the 2018 Virginia High School League Class 4A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marty Ponder, head coach of the Jefferson Forest High School boys' swim team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's spectacular season and best wishes for continued success.