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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 79

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Commending the Langley High School volleyball team.

Patrons—Murphy, Simon and Sullivan

WHEREAS, the Langley High School volleyball team of McLean won the Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship on November 16, 2017, claiming its second state title; and

WHEREAS, relying on crisp passing, strong blocking, and excellent serving, the Langley High School Saxons came from two sets down to defeat the Frank W. Cox High School Falcons 3 - 2 at the Siegel Center in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the win secured the Langley Saxons' second state championship since 2013 and capped off a remarkable 27 - 3 season that ended with a 15-match winning streak; and

WHEREAS, in the electrifying state final game, the girls of the Langley High School volleyball team found themselves on the verge of defeat after dropping the first two sets to the Frank W. Cox Falcons 19 - 25 and 23 - 25; and

WHEREAS, despite the large deficit, the Langley Saxons regrouped and won the third set 25 - 21, thanks in part to excellent net play from sisters Allison and Olivia Franke, who combined for 10 kills; and

WHEREAS, led by Northern Region D Player of the Year Elena Shklyar, the Langley High School volleyball team continued their rally in the fourth set, winning 25 - 18; in the deciding fifth set, a string of blistering jump serves from junior Jackson Friedman saw the Langley Saxons win 15 - 1 to seal a thrilling championship victory; and

WHEREAS, the Langley High School volleyball team's comeback victory was yet another milestone for head coach Susan Shifflett, who has led the team to eight state playoffs since 1999, more than any other program in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Langley High School volleyball team's state title win is a tribute to the dedication of all of its skilled student-athletes, the exceptional guidance of its coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of family, fans, and the entire Langley High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Langley High School volleyball team for winning the Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Susan Shifflett, head coach of the Langley High School volleyball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's fantastic season.

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