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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 219

Offered March 5, 2018

*Commending the Patrick Henry High School girls' swim team.*

Patrons—Edwards; Delegate: Rasoul

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry High School girls' swim team of Roanoke won the Virginia High School League Class 5A state championship on February 16, 2018, at George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, it was the third-consecutive state title for the Patrick Henry High School girls' swim team, which turned in a superb team performance and finished with 299 points, over 40 points more than second-place Douglas S. Freeman High School; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry Patriots dominated in the three relay events at the state championship meet; swimmers Cabell Whitlow, Ella Higgins, Whitney Hamilton, and Shelby Stanley won the 200-yard medley relay; Caroline Kulp, Kemper John, Cabell Whitlow, and Brook Knisely won the 200-yard freestyle relay; and Caroline Kulp, Shelby Stanley, Brook Knisely, and Whitney Hamilton won the 400-yard freestyle relay; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry Patriots also captured three state individual titles; junior Caroline Kulp won the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle events for the third year in a row, and senior Cabell Whitlow won the 200-yard individual medley; and

WHEREAS, other strong individual performers for the Patrick Henry Patriots included Whitney Hamilton, who finished second in the 50-yard freestyle; Shelby Stanley, who finished third in the 200-yard individual medley; and Kienzle Hilovsky, who finished third in the diving competition; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry High School girls' swim team's state title win is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all its talented student-athletes, the excellent guidance of coaches and staff, and the energetic support of the entire Patrick Henry High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Patrick Henry High School girls' swim team on winning the 2018 Virginia High School League Class 5A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Erik Lagen, head coach of the Patrick Henry High School girls' swim team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's spectacular season.

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