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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 549

Offered May 30, 2018

Commending the James Madison University women's lacrosse team.

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WHEREAS, the James Madison University women's lacrosse team won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I lacrosse championship on May 27, 2018, claiming its first national title in the team's 50-year history; and

WHEREAS, the James Madison University Dukes defeated the Boston College Eagles by a score of 16-15 in the tense national final at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium in Harrisonburg, becoming one of only four schools to win the championship since 2004; and

WHEREAS, while the James Madison Dukes took an early four-point lead, the Boston Eagles rallied to tie the game at the half; in the second half, the Dukes overcame a 10-8 deficit and never relinquished the lead; and

WHEREAS, senior midfielder Haley Warden led the James Madison Dukes with four goals in the final and was selected as the 2018 Final Four Most Outstanding Player; seniors Elena Romesberg and Kristen Gaudian and junior Hanna Haven scored three goals each, and freshman goalkeeper Molly Dougherty recorded seven saves; and

WHEREAS, after starting the season ranked 17th, the James Madison Dukes dominated their opponents to finish with a 22-1 overall record, including a sweep of Atlantic Coast Conference opponents; and

WHEREAS, the James Madison Dukes' victorious season is a testament to the hard work and tenacity of all the student-athletes, the leadership and dedication of coaches and staff, and the passionate support of the entire James Madison University community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the James Madison University women's lacrosse team hereby be commended on winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I lacrosse championship in 2018; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Shelley Klaes-Bawcombe, head coach of the James Madison University women's lacrosse team, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the team's achievements and best wishes for the future.

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