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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 239

Offered March 2, 2020

*Commending Western Albemarle High School athletics.*

Patrons—Deeds; Delegate: Runion

WHEREAS, Western Albemarle High School athletics have had outstanding seasons in 2019 and 2020, with the boys' and girls' tennis teams, boys' and girls' soccer teams, boys' cross country team, and boys' and girls' swim and dive teams winning state championships; and

WHEREAS, the Western Albemarle boys' tennis team, coached by Randy Hudgins, and girls' tennis team, coached by Ellen Markowitz, both finished impressive seasons with wins in the Virginia High School League Class 3 state championships in June 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Western Albemarle Warriors' adapted to changes in venue due to inclement weather, and both teams won their matches with scores of 5-0; the victory marked the third consecutive state championship for the boys' team; and

WHEREAS, also in June 2019, the Western Albemarle boys' soccer team, coached by Milo Oakland, and the girls' soccer team, coached by Jake Desch, won their own Class 3 state titles; and

WHEREAS, the Western Albemarle boys' soccer team handed Northside High School its first shutout of the year with a lopsided 4-0 victory and the Western Albemarle girls' soccer team celebrated its third consecutive state title with a 3-1 win over Brentsville District High School; and

WHEREAS, in November 2019, the Western Albemarle boys' cross country team brought home its third consecutive state title, sweeping the top three spots in the race, led by individual state champion Jack Eliason, to finish with an astounding score of 15 points; and

WHEREAS, coached by Lindy Bain, the Western Albemarle Warriors rounded out the top three with Joe Hawkes in second place and Stuart Terrill in third place; in total, six of the Western Albemarle Warriors were named to the all-state team for their outstanding performances; and

WHEREAS, the Western Albemarle boys' and girls' swim and dive teams opened 2020 with a splash, after a clutch performance in the diving competition by the girls' team and the boys' team taking a nearly 200-point lead in the swimming portion to sweep the Class 3 state championships; and

WHEREAS, the Western Albemarle Warriors' success at the swim and dive tournament was a total team effort, with multiple competitors finishing high in the standings, including freshman Emily Mandell and senior Carey D'Atre finishing in the top five for the girls and senior William Peritz placing second for the boys, with the support of coaches Dan Bledsoe, Pete Neill, and Becca Corbett; and

WHEREAS, the Western Albemarle Warriors' victories are a tribute to the skill and determination of all the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and staff members, and the enthusiastic support of the entire Western Albemarle High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Western Albemarle High School athletics on winning seven state championships in 2019 and 2020; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Western Albemarle High School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the achievements of the boys' and girls' tennis teams, boys' and girls' soccer teams, boys' cross country team, and boys' and girls' swim and dive teams in 2019 and 2020.

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