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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 443

Offered March 7, 2022

*Commending the Oakton High School boys' cross country team.*

Patrons—Keam; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, the Oakton High School boys' cross country team of Vienna won the Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship on November 13, 2021, at the Great Meadow course in The Plains; and

WHEREAS, the Oakton High School Cougars tallied 83 points, outpacing the runner-up Yorktown High School Patriots by five points to defend last season's title and bring home the sixth state championship in program history; and

WHEREAS, the Oakton Cougars' victory was a total team effort led by strong and consistent performances from a mostly new pack of runners, including Iyasu Yemane, Tyler Coleman, Elham Huq, Landon Newell, Connor Eklund, Quin Sehon, and Derek Lewis, who placed 18th, 24th, 27th, 32nd, 36th, 37th, and 52nd, respectively; and

WHEREAS, on its path to a state championship title, the Oakton Cougars won the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Region 6D meet and finished second in the VHSL Concorde District championship; and

WHEREAS, with only one senior on the team graduating this year, the Oakton Cougars look poised to continue their reign of dominance into the next season and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Oakton Cougars is the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the unwavering support of their parents and the entire Oakton High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Oakton High School boys' cross country team for winning the 2021 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 Matt Kroetch, head coach of the Oakton High School boys' cross country team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement.

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