## 22107635D HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 203

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Commending the Virginia Commonwealth University women's basketball team.

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WHEREAS, the Virginia Commonwealth University women's basketball team won its first Atlantic 10 Conference Championship during the 2020-2021 season; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Rams defeated the University of Massachusetts Minutewomen by a score of 81-69 in the conference final; and

WHEREAS, VCU's Taya Robinson led the team with 19 points, matched a career-high with five three-pointers, and was named Most Outstanding Player; the team finished the game with a season-high 10 three-pointers overall; and

WHEREAS, with the historic victory, the VCU Rams earned a berth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament for the first time since 2009, finishing the season with a 16-11 overall record; and

WHEREAS, the VCU Rams subsequently finished the 2021-2022 regular season 14-10 overall with a 9-5 record against conference opponents and advanced to the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, after earning a double bye, the number four seed VCU Rams defeated the number 12 seed George Washington University Colonials in the quarterfinals by a score of 55-47; and

WHEREAS, the success of the VCU Rams is a tribute to the skill and hard work of all the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of coaches and staff, and the passionate support of the entire VCU community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Commonwealth University women's basketball team hereby be commended for its performance in the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 seasons; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Beth O'Boyle, head coach of the Virginia Commonwealth University women's basketball team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's achievements.