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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 330

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Commending Griff Graves.

Patrons—Johnson and Kilgore; Senator: Wampler

WHEREAS, Griff Graves of the Abingdon High School Falcons was the 2005 Virginia High School League Group AA cross country individual state champion; and

WHEREAS, the cross country state finals were held on November 12, 2005, at the Great Meadows field in Plains, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in the 5K cross country event, Griff Graves ran behind a small pack of runners at the beginning of the race, then he and Christiansburg senior John Horst broke through to battle for the lead for the next 1.5 miles; and

WHEREAS, Griff Graves then took the lead and held it, handily winning the Group AA individual state crown in a time of 15 minutes and 51 seconds over the 5K course; and

WHEREAS, Coach Don Cumbow had great praise for Griff Graves, an Alabama transfer student, who is the coach's first boys' cross country champion and only the second since 1974; and

WHEREAS, Griff Graves has beaten Christiansburg High School star John Horst in their last three out of four races; and

WHEREAS, Griff Graves has impressively won nine races this season, losing only two, with his worst finish a fourth place at the Wendy's Invitational, a tough competitive meet; and

WHEREAS, the state championship individual crown was Griff Grave's fifth straight cross country win; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Griff Graves on his well-deserved honor as the Group AA high school state cross country champion; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Griff Graves as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his stellar performance and an outstanding 2005 cross country season.

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