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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5143

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Commending the Gate City High School girls' tennis team.

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WHEREAS, the Gate City High School girls' tennis team claimed its second consecutive state championship, winning the Virginia High School League Group 2A state championship on June 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in a tense competition at Radford University, the Gate City High School Blue Devils defeated the Wilson Memorial High School Indians 5 - 2; and

WHEREAS, after the Gate City High School Blue Devils took an early 4 - 0 lead in the singles matches, the Wilson Memorial High School Indians recovered to force doubles matches; Rosa Smith and Emily Smith won the first doubles match in two sets to secure the victory; and

WHEREAS, the win marked the Gate City High School Blue Devils' third state title under head coach Delonda Spivey and the program's eighth title overall, matching a Virginia High School League record; and

WHEREAS, the team's historic success is a testament to the hard work of all of the players—Taylor Carter, Alyssa Ferguson, Emily Hensley, Carson Light, Emily Smith, Rosa Smith, Hannah Spivey, and Lauren Williams—the leadership of the coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of the entire Gate City High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Gate City High School girls' tennis team on winning the 2014 Virginia High School League Group 2A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Delonda Spivey, head coach of the Gate City High School girls' tennis team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's perseverance and skill.

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