

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 534

*Commending the Loudoun Valley High School boys' cross-country team.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, the Loudoun Valley High School boys' cross-country team had a phenomenal 2017 season, securing the Virginia High School League Class 4A state title and the Nike Cross Nationals championship; and

WHEREAS, at the Virginia High School League Class 4A state finals on November 10, 2017, the Loudoun Valley High School Vikings made history by securing their third straight state championship with a perfect score of 15; and

WHEREAS, to earn their record-breaking score, runners from the Loudoun Valley Vikings skillfully navigated the 5K course at Great Meadow in The Plains and finished in positions one through five; junior Sam Affolder won the race with a time of 15 minutes, 20 seconds, and he was followed by teammates Peter Morris, Colton Bogucki, Jacob Hunter, and Connor Wells; and

WHEREAS, during the Nike Cross Nationals held on December 2, 2017, at Glendoveer Golf Course in Portland, Oregon, the Loudoun Valley Vikings turned in another superb team performance to secure their first national championship; and

WHEREAS, out of 200 racers in the national high school championship, the Loudoun Valley Vikings posted several strong finishes; Peter Morris took 12th place, Sam Affolder finished 23rd, Colton Bogucki finished 37th, Jacob Hunter finished 43rd, Connor Wells finished 95th, Chase Dawson finished 108th, and Kevin Carlson finished 113th; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun Valley Vikings' team points total of 89 was the lowest boys' points total in the history of the Nike Cross Nationals; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun Valley Vikings ended the 2017 season with an undefeated record; by winning the Nike Cross Nationals, they also became the first boys' cross-country team from the Southeast region to capture a national title; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun Valley High School boys' cross-country team's state and national title wins are a tribute to the hard work and dedication of all its talented student-athletes, the excellent guidance of coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of family members, friends, and the entire Loudoun Valley High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Loudoun Valley High School boys' cross-country team on winning the 2017 Virginia High School League Class 4A state title and the Nike Cross Nationals championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marc and Joan Hunter, head coaches of the Loudoun Valley High School boys' cross-country team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's record-breaking season.

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