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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

Offered January 30, 2018

Commending the Stone Bridge High School volleyball team.

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WHEREAS, the Stone Bridge High School volleyball team, of Ashburn, won the Virginia High School League Potomac District championship on November 2, 2017; and

WHEREAS, entering the title match on a 24-game winning streak, the Stone Bridge High School Bulldogs relied on fluid passing, strong blocking, and excellent serving to battle their way to a 3 - 2 victory over the Tuscarora High School Huskies; and

WHEREAS, in the tightly contested district championship match, the Stone Bridge Bulldogs dropped the first set 19 - 25 and then trailed early in the second before regrouping to win 25 - 10 with blistering serves from junior Mary Kate DeVido; and

WHEREAS, the Stone Bridge Bulldogs continued their rally in the third set, winning 25 - 20 with superb net play from senior Katey Muskett and junior Noelle Foster; and

WHEREAS, the Stone Bridge Bulldogs lost the fourth set 17 - 25, but despite having only played two five-set matches all season, the team showed remarkable endurance; trailing by one late in the decisive fifth set, they reeled off three straight points to win 15 - 13 to claim the district championship; and

WHEREAS, the Stone Bridge Bulldogs' Potomac District championship win was just one of many highlights in a stellar season that saw the team finish with a 26 - 2 overall record; players Katey Muskett, Noelle Foster, and Peyton Yamagata were named to the Class 5 All-State volleyball team, and coach Jill Raschiatore was honored as the Potomac District coach of the year; and

WHEREAS, the Stone Bridge High School volleyball team's district championship is a testament to the hard work and dedication of its talented student-athletes, the excellent guidance of its coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of family members, friends, and the entire Stone Bridge High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Stone Bridge High School volleyball team hereby be commended on winning the 2017 Virginia High School League Potomac District championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jill Raschiatore, head coach of the Stone Bridge High School volleyball team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's impressive achievements and best wishes for continued success.