HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 629

Commending the Battlefield High School boys' swim and dive team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 27, 2021

WHEREAS, the Battlefield High School boys' swim and dive team finished in third place at the Virginia High School League Region 6B championship in February 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Battlefield High School Bobcats finished with 321 points at the regional meet, held at Prince William County Aquatics Center; and

WHEREAS, Battlefield High School's Ryan Strotheide set a school record with his second-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke event with a time of 52.78; and

WHEREAS, after their performance at regionals, eight Battlefield High School swimmers qualified for the state championship meet: Lleyton Arnold, Preston Borden, Alex Canfield, Theo Drescher, Emmett Hannam, Ean Helmlinger, Cooper Mercer, and Ryan Strotheide; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marked the first time both a male and female diver from Battlefield High School scored points at the state championship meet, with Brendan Boxall finishing in 11th place for the boys' team; and

WHEREAS, the victory is a tribute to the skill and hard work of all the student-athletes, the dedication of coaches and staff, and the unwavering support of the entire Battlefield High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Battlefield High School boys' swim and dive team hereby be commended on placing third at the Virginia High School League Region 6B championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jay Thorpe, head coach of the Battlefield High School boys' swim and dive team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's achievements.