## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41**

Commending Zachary Brown.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2022

WHEREAS, Zachary Brown, an accomplished swimmer from Hopewell, will represent Team Virginia at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando this June; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Brown graduated from Hopewell High School in 2011, where he was a member of the school's National Honor Society, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and indoor and spring track teams and was a delegate on the student council association; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Brown has won several gold medals at the Special Olympics Virginia Summer Games over the past 20 years, including in the 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke, and 50-meter butterfly events, and has competed as a member of the Special Olympics Virginia bowling team; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Brown has mentored many athletes both as a swim coach at the Petersburg Family YMCA and with the Wood Dale Swim Club in Hopewell and as a football manager at Hopewell High School for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Brown has been a role model to countless others in his capacities as team leader for the Virginia Department of Education's I'm Determined project and as a leader of Virginia Commonwealth University's Partnership for People with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Brown has competed with Special Olympics Virginia for nearly 20 years as a member of the Area 16 delegation and brings great honor to the Commonwealth as a member of Team Virginia in this year's national Special Olympics competition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Zachary Brown hereby be commended for being selected to represent Team Virginia at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Zachary Brown as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his remarkable achievements.