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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 801

Offered September 6, 2022

Commending the Chinquapin Wahoos swim team.

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WHEREAS, the Chinquapin Wahoos swim team of Alexandria finished their regular season in the blue division of the Colonial Swim League undefeated on July 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Chinquapin Wahoos beat the ManorGate Marlins of Centreville by a tally of 293-158 to complete their regular season competition with a perfect record of 5-0; and

WHEREAS, the Chinquapin Wahoos' victory was a total team effort, with members of each age bracket posting impressive wins, including a sweep of the medley relays on the girls' side and a sweep of the 50-meter freestyle and 50-meter butterfly events by the squad of boys ages 15-18; and

WHEREAS, the Chinquapin Wahoos also dominated at the boys ages 9-10 level, cementing Colonial Swim League-leading times in the 50-meter backstroke, 50-meter breaststroke, and 25-meter butterfly events, while also completing a sweep in the breaststroke event and posting the league's fastest time for a 9-10-year-olds relay team in a meters pool this season; and

WHEREAS, the Chinquapin Wahoos were also carried by a strong performance from its girls ages 11-12 squad, which captured wins in the 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter breaststroke, 50-meter butterfly, and 200-meter medley relay events; and

WHEREAS, swimmers for the Chinquapin Wahoos set several team records in the 2022 season, including in the boys ages 9-10 25-meter butterfly, the girls ages 11-12 50-meter breaststroke and 100-meter individual medley, the girls ages 15-18 50-meter breaststroke, and the boys ages 15-18 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke, 50-meter breaststroke, 50-meter butterfly, and 100-meter individual medley events; and

WHEREAS, as the only public swim team in the City of Alexandria, the Chinquapin Wahoos are committed to promoting inclusivity and having fun, recruiting members of all ages and abilities from across the city; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Chinquapin Wahoos swim team is the result of the hard work and dedication of the young athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches, and the unwavering support of the entire Chinquapin Wahoos community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Chinquapin Wahoos swim team hereby be commended for their undefeated season in 2022; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dennis Burstein, head coach of the Chinquapin Wahoos swim team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's achievement.