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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 496

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Commending the Alexandria City High School girls' volleyball team.

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Patrons—Bennett-Parker and Herring; Senator: Ebbin

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City High School girls' volleyball team won the Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship on November 19, 2022, at the Stuart C. Siegel Center in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City High School Titans defeated the Charles J. Colgan Sr. High School Sharks in five sets, with a final score of 25-22, 25-20, 22-25, 19-25, and 15-13, to claim the program's second state title in three years and to finish the season with an impressive 32-2 record; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Titans opened the match strong by taking the first two sets, then conceded the next two to the Colgan Sharks; the two teams then went point for point in the final set before a shot into the net by Colgan High School and a hit from Milan Rex sealed the win for Alexandria City High School; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Titans' victory was a total team effort, led by seniors Chloe Wilmot, the program's all-time leader in digs and assists, and Milan Rex, who had a team-high 26 kills in the match and who was also named MaxPreps Player of the Year for the Commonwealth in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the championship win was a thrilling and unexpected end for the Alexandria City Titans, who started the season with a largely new roster and uncertainty as to how the season would progress; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Alexandria City Titans notably marked the first time that a team had won a district championship, regional championship, and state championship under the Alexandria City High School banner; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Alexandria City Titans is the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches, and the unwavering support of their parents and the entire Alexandria City High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Alexandria City High School girls' volleyball team for winning the 2022 Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Danielle Thorne, head coach of the Alexandria City High School girls' volleyball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement.