SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 291

Commending students of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 2, 2023 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 6, 2023

WHEREAS, in April 2022, students of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools representing the Commonwealth won the American Association of Christian Schools National Competition, the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools' 18th win at the competition in the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Christian Schools (AACS) National Competition includes 76 categories related to the Bible, music, speech, art, and academics, with points awarded to the top three finishers in each category; and

WHEREAS, students of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools competed against fellow high school students from more than 30 states in the 2022 AACS National Competition; and

WHEREAS, students from the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools tallied 60 points to bring home the 2022 AACS National Competition title, defeating the runner-up state by 19 points; and

WHEREAS, the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools holds the record for the most consecutive AACS national titles with 17 consecutive titles from 2003 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, students of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools have won a total of 23 national titles in the 44 years of AACS competition history, meaning that students from the Commonwealth have won more titles than all other states combined; and

WHEREAS, students of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools will defend their title from April 11-13, 2023, at Bob Jones University in South Carolina; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the students of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools on winning the 2022 American Association of Christian Schools National Competition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the students of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their legacy of national success.