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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 334

Offered March 2, 2022

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

Patrons—Helmer; Senator: Bell

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WHEREAS, the Battlefield High School girls' swim and dive team of Haymarket won the Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship on February 18, 2022, at the Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center in Stafford; and

WHEREAS, the Battlefield High School Bobcats tallied 233 points to edge out the runner-up Yorktown High School Patriots of Arlington by a mere two points, a tie for the closest finish in Virginia High School League (VHSL) Class 6 state meet history; and

WHEREAS, the Battlefield Bobcats' win was a total team effort, with standout performances from Camille Spink, who broke her own VHSL Class 6 state meet record in the 100-yard freestyle event, and the 200-medley relay team, which also set a VHSL Class 6 state meet record; and

WHEREAS, the Battlefield Bobcats' championship victory was a redemptive and cathartic moment for a program that finished in second place at last year's state meet and persevered all season through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Battlefield High School girls' swim and dive 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 Jay Thorpe, coach of the Battlefield High School girls' swim and dive team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement.