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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 433

Offered March 7, 2022

Commending the First Colonial High School girls' swim and dive team.

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WHEREAS, the First Colonial High School girls' swim and dive team of Virginia Beach won the Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship on February 24, 2021, at the Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center in Stafford; and

WHEREAS, the First Colonial High School Patriots tallied 338 points to outpace the runner-up by 83.5 points, securing the program's second consecutive state title; and

WHEREAS, with only nine swimmers on the roster, the First Colonial Patriots capped their impressive performance with first-place finishes in both the 200-yard and 400-yard relay events; and

WHEREAS, the First Colonial Patriots' victory was a total team effort, with standout performances from Sophia Knapp, who won the individual 200-yard freestyle event, and Samantha Tadder, who won the individual 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke events, setting a Virginia High School League Class 5 record in the latter; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the First Colonial Patriots are 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 the entire First Colonial High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the First Colonial High School girls' swim and dive team for winning the 2020 Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Cassondre Wilburn and Kate Hudson, coaches of the First Colonial High School girls' swim and dive team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement.