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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 131

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Commending the Patriot High School boys' swim and dive team.

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WHEREAS, the Patriot High School boys' swim and dive team of Prince William County won the Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship on February 18, 2021, at the Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center in Stafford; and

WHEREAS, the Patriot High School Pioneers accumulated 209 points in competition to outpace the runner-up by 45 points and brought home the program's first state title since 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Patriot Pioneers were strong from start to finish, carrying the first event of the day with a win in the 200-yard medley relay as well as the last event with a win in the 400-yard freestyle relay, in which the team set a Virginia High School League (VHSL) Class 6 state meet record; and

WHEREAS, the Patriot Pioneers' victory was a total team effort supported by Ryan Chmielenski, Brandon Gardner, Landon Gentry, Peter Gilbert, Joshua Hochard, Alex Martins, Vincent Nguyen, Boden Pearson, and Chris Shankle; and

WHEREAS, the Patriot Pioneers benefited from a standout performance from Landon Gentry, who contributed to the team's relay wins while also placing first in the 200-yard individual medley event and setting a VHSL Class 6 state meet record in the 100-yard individual butterfly event; and

WHEREAS, despite setbacks resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Patriot Pioneers persevered all season long to remain fit and ready for a run at the championship; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Patriot Pioneers 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 Patriot High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Patriot High School boys' 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 Elizabeth Bussian, head coach of the Patriot High School boys' swim and dive team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement.

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