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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41**

Offered February 21, 2022

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WHEREAS, Zachary Brown, an accomplished swimmer from Hopewell, will represent Team Virginia at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando this June; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Brown graduated from Hopewell High School in 2011, where he was a member of the school's National Honor Society, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and indoor and spring track teams and was a delegate on the student council association; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Brown has won several gold medals at the Special Olympics Virginia Summer Games over the past 20 years, including in the 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke, and 50-meter butterfly events, and has also competed as a member of the Special Olympics Virginia bowling team; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Brown has mentored many athletes both as a swim coach at the Petersburg Family YMCA and with the Wood Dale Swim Club in Hopewell and as a football manager at Hopewell High School for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Brown has been a role model to countless others in his capacities as team leader for the Virginia Department of Education's I'm Determined project and as a leader of Virginia Commonwealth University's Partnership for People with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Brown has competed with Special Olympics Virginia for nearly 20 years as a member of the Area 16 delegation and brings great honor to the Commonwealth as a member of Team Virginia in this year's national Special Olympics competition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Zachary Brown hereby be commended for being selected to represent Team Virginia at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Zachary Brown as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his remarkable achievements.