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## 1                   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 311

2                   Offered January 24, 2025

3                   *Commending the Douglas Freeman High School girls' lacrosse team.*

4                   Patron—VanValkenburg

5                   WHEREAS, the Douglas Freeman High School girls' lacrosse team won the Virginia High School League  
6                   Class 5 state championship at Glen Allen High School on June 8, 2024; and7                   WHEREAS, the Douglas Freeman High School Mavericks defeated the Lightridge High School  
8                   Lightning Bolts of Loudoun County by a score of 9–5, securing an extraordinary fourth consecutive state  
9                   championship title; and10                  WHEREAS, the Douglas Freeman Mavericks fell behind early, trailing 4–2 in the first quarter, but were  
11                  able to mount a steady comeback, going into halftime with a 5–5 tie and posting four unanswered goals in the  
12                  second half; and13                  WHEREAS, the Douglas Freeman Mavericks' victory was a total team effort led by Eva Gardner and  
14                  Hannah Kantanen, who both scored three goals in the match, as well as Laney Gilman, who had two goals;  
15                  and16                  WHEREAS, the Douglas Freeman Mavericks finished their 2024 campaign with an impressive 16–2  
17                  record and were undefeated in regional play; and18                  WHEREAS, after losing key players following the 2023 season, the Douglas Freeman Mavericks showed  
19                  remarkable grit and determination to rebuild their squad and continue their reign of dominance, living up to  
20                  the team motto, "Challenge Accepted," that inspired them all season; and21                  WHEREAS, the success of the Douglas Freeman Mavericks is the result of the hard work and dedication  
22                  of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the unwavering support  
23                  of their families and the entire Douglas Freeman High School community; now, therefore, be it24                  RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby  
25                  commend the Douglas Freeman High School girls' lacrosse team for winning the 2024 Virginia High School  
26                  League Class 5 state championship; and, be it27                  RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to  
28                  Christina D'Angelo, coach of the Douglas Freeman High School girls' lacrosse team, as an expression of the  
29                  General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievements.

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