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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 651**

Offered February 10, 2025

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

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WHEREAS, the Douglas Freeman High School girls' lacrosse team won the Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship at Glen Allen High School on June 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas Freeman High School Mavericks defeated the Lightridge High School Lightning Bolts of Loudoun County by a score of 9–5, securing an extraordinary fourth consecutive state championship title; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas Freeman Mavericks fell behind early, trailing 4–2 in the first quarter, but were able to mount a steady comeback, going into halftime with a 5–5 tie and posting four unanswered goals in the second half; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas Freeman Mavericks' victory was a total team effort led by Eva Gardner and Hannah Kantanen, who both scored three goals in the match, as well as Laney Gilman, who had two goals; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas Freeman Mavericks finished their 2024 campaign with an impressive 16–2 record and were undefeated in regional play; and

WHEREAS, after losing key players following the 2023 season, the Douglas Freeman Mavericks showed remarkable grit and determination to rebuild their squad and continue their reign of dominance, living up to the team motto, “Challenge Accepted,” that inspired them all season; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Douglas Freeman Mavericks 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 families and the entire Douglas Freeman High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Douglas Freeman High School girls' lacrosse team hereby be commended for winning the 2024 Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Christina D'Angelo, coach of the Douglas Freeman High School girls' lacrosse team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's achievements.