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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 291**

Offered March 5, 2026

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

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WHEREAS, the First Colonial High School boys' swim and dive team of Virginia Beach won the Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship on February 21, 2026, at SwimRVA in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the First Colonial High School Patriots scored 296.5 points to outpace the runner-up Douglas Freeman High School Mavericks of Henrico County by 38.5 points, securing the first state title in program history; and

WHEREAS, the First Colonial Patriots' victory was a total team effort, led by Austin Temple's first place finishes in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle events, Parker Knapp's first place finish in the 100-yard butterfly event, and wins in the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay events; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the First Colonial Patriots are the result of the teamwork and determination of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the unwavering support of their families and the entire First Colonial High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the First Colonial High School boys' swim and dive team hereby be commended for winning the 2026 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 the First Colonial High School boys' swim and dive team as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's achievement and best wishes for the program's continued success.

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