

SENATE RESOLUTION 53

(By Senator Charnock)

[Introduced February 26, 2026]

1 Congratulating the George Washington High School Cheerleading team on earning third place in
2 the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) Division II National High School
3 Cheerleading Championship.

4 Whereas, On December 6, 2025, the George Washington High School Cheerleading team
5 traveled to Sevierville, Tennessee, to compete in the UCA Smoky Mountain Championship with
6 their "Traditional" routine. The team placed first as the Regional Division winner and earned an
7 additional bid for the UCA Division II National High School Cheerleading Championship in the
8 "Traditional" Division; and

9 Whereas, The UCA Division II National High School Cheerleading Championship was held
10 January 30 through February 1, 2026, at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando,
11 Florida. The George Washington High School Cheerleaders competed in both the "Game Day"
12 and "Traditional" Divisions; The team was elated to achieve a third-place national finish with their
13 routine in the "Traditional" Division; and

14 Whereas, This landmark achievement signifies a historic milestone: The first time a West
15 Virginia High School Cheer team has competed in the "Traditional" Division at the national level,
16 and further marking the first time a West Virginia High School Cheer team has earned a medal at
17 this prestigious event; and

18 Whereas, Members of the George Washington High School Cheer team are Terynn Miller,
19 Captain, Senior; Kaylyn White, Captain, Senior; Kate Adkins, Senior; Sarah Curry, Senior; Maggie
20 Hill, Senior; Ariana Anderson, Junior; Isabella Ayres, Junior; Annabella Grigoraci, Junior; Vivian

1 Kime, Junior; Ava Mullett, Junior; Brooklyn Trigg, Junior; Elizabeth Burton, Sophomore; McKenna
2 Byrd, Sophomore; Laila Gaines, Sophomore; Victoria Hammond, Sophomore; Lariah Jackson,
3 Sophomore; Ava Robertson, Sophomore; Madilyn Atkins, Freshman; Mollie Hill, Freshman;
4 Keilah Johnson, Freshman; and

5 Whereas, The success of the team reflects the dedication, leadership, and commitment of
6 its coaching staff, including Head Coach Lori Davis, Assistant Coach Kenyatta Grant, and
7 Assistant Coach Lindsey Atkins; and

8 Whereas, High School Cheerleading has evolved far beyond the sidelines, transforming
9 into a rigorous, high-stakes athletic discipline that demands exceptional physical strength,
10 precision, and mental toughness. Often serving as the heartbeat of school spirit, cheerleaders
11 bridge the gap between the student body and the athletic department, fostering a sense of
12 community and pride. Beyond the high-energy routines, tumbling skills and acrobatic stunts,
13 participation in the sport offers a unique environment for student-athletes to cultivate essential life
14 skills. From the discipline required for synchronized performance to the resilience built through
15 competitive pressure, cheerleading provides a comprehensive foundation for personal growth and
16 academic success; and

17 Whereas, For every student-athlete, the ultimate ambition is to showcase their talent on
18 the state or national stage. The Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) is the world's largest
19 cheerleading company, focusing on combining high-level skills with traditional crowd-leading,
20 school spirit, and entertainment. UCA is known for hosting prestigious competitions, including the
21 National High School Cheerleading Championship (NHSCC); therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate:*

23 That the Senate hereby congratulates the George Washington High School Cheerleading
24 team on earning third place in the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) Division II National
25 High School Cheerleading Championship; and, be it

1 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
2 the Head Coach Lori Davis of George Washington High School.