HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55

Commending the Brookville High School football team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 21, 2000 Agreed to by the Senate, January 27, 2000

WHEREAS, the 1999 Brookville High School football team won the Virginia High School League Group AA, Division 3 state football championship; and

WHEREAS, in the state championship game, the Brookville Bees of Brookville High School defeated a highly favored Handley High School team, 14 - 6, bringing Campbell County its first state football title; and

WHEREAS, relying on a stout and opportunistic defense, the Bees held Handley's high-powered offense in check, while controlling the clock and running for nearly 300 yards on offense; and

WHEREAS, in finishing the season with a record of 11 - 3, the Brookville Bees saved their best for last, beating strong teams in the state semifinals and finals after finishing third in the Seminole District race; and

WHEREAS, to reach the title game, the Bees had to travel to Southwest Virginia to play the highly ranked Blue Devils of Gate City High School on their home field; and

WHEREAS, in a dramatic and hard-fought contest, the Brookville team prevailed, 21 - 14, to qualify for the state championship game against traditional power Handley High School; and

WHEREAS, Brookville's upset victory over the Handley Judges capped an unprecedented season for the Bees and is a tribute to the talent, teamwork, and perseverance of the players, the inspired leadership of Head Coach Bobby Johnson and his staff, and the support of the students, faculty, and staff of Brookville High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the Brookville High School football team on its 1999 state football championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Head Coach Bobby Johnson in honor of the outstanding performance of the Brookville High School football team.