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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 374

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Commending the William Fleming High School football team.

Patrons—Ware, O., Fralin and Griffith; Senators: Bell and Edwards

WHEREAS, the 2003 William Fleming High School Colonels football team experienced exhilarating success during its strong run through the regular season and the regional and state playoffs; and

WHEREAS, the William Fleming Colonels, from Roanoke, finished the regular season with a record of 7—2 and won the Blue Ridge District championship with a 12—7 victory over rival William Byrd High School; and

WHEREAS, the Colonels then defeated Blacksburg High School, 6—0, to advance to the Region III, Division 4 title game, where they posted their second consecutive shutout in defeating Liberty High School, 13—0; and

WHEREAS, William Fleming's stout defense again came to the fore in the state semifinals, where the Colonels defeated Magna Vista High School, 13—8, to qualify for a trip to the Group AA, Division 4 state title game against undefeated Powhatan High School; and

WHEREAS, Coach Keith Smith's Colonels came agonizingly close to capturing William Fleming's first state football championship, and their exceptional 2003 season is a credit to the talent and dedication of the athletes and the support of the students and staff of William Fleming High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the William Fleming High School football team on its triumphant 2003 season; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Head Coach Keith Smith in honor of the historic success of the 2003 William Fleming Colonels.

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