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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 896

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*Commending the William and Mary football team.*

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WHEREAS, the 2004 College of William and Mary football team set numerous school records, achieved unprecedented national tournament success, celebrated a notable milestone in the career of its head coach, saw its quarterback honored as player of the year, and earned national recognition for its academic success; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 William and Mary Tribe set school records for wins in a season (11) and playoff wins in a season (2), and individual records were set by quarterback Lang Campbell, receiver Dominique Thompson, kicker Greg Kuehn, and defensive lineman Wade Harrell; and

WHEREAS, the co-champion of the Atlantic 10 Conference, the Tribe advanced to the semifinals of the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division 1-AA national football championship; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Jimmye Laycock celebrated his 25th season at the helm, and his players responded with one of the finest seasons in the 111-year history of William and Mary football; and

WHEREAS, quarterback Lang Campbell won numerous postseason honors, including Atlantic 10 Conference Offensive Player of the Year, Atlantic 10 Student-Athlete of the Year, first-team All-American, and consensus All-America choice at quarterback; and

WHEREAS, Lang Campbell also won the 2004 Walter Payton Award as the finest NCAA Division 1-AA offensive player in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in an NCAA report on graduation rates for student-athletes, The College of William and Mary ranked at the very top, with 100 percent of its football players who entered the program as freshmen in 1997-1998 graduating, compared to a national average of 54 percent among Division 1-AA schools; and

WHEREAS, 2004 was a year of historic success for the William and Mary Tribe, on the football field and in the classroom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the William and Mary football team on its unprecedented regular season and postseason triumphs; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly congratulate those Tribe players who captured individual athletic and academic awards; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Head Coach Jimmye Laycock as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on his quarter-century of outstanding leadership of the football program at The College of William and Mary.

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