SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 300

Commending the Virginia Tech football team.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 20, 2005 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 28, 2005

WHEREAS, following a 2-2 start, the 2004 Virginia Tech Hokies football team won eight consecutive games, including six Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) contests, to finish the season with a record of 10-2; and

WHEREAS, in their first year as members of the ACC, the Hokies won the conference championship with a record of 7-1 and earned the ACC's Bowl Championship Series invitation to the Nokia Sugar Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 season was particularly satisfying for Virginia Tech fans because the Hokies were picked in preseason polls to finish sixth or lower in the 11-team ACC; and

WHEREAS, the season also included victories over traditional rivals West Virginia University, the University of Virginia, and Miami University; and

WHEREAS, under ACC Coach of the Year Frank Beamer, the Hokies won all four of their ACC road games, won four games decided by a touchdown or less, and made their third trip to the Sugar Bowl; and

WHEREAS, at the Nokia Sugar Bowl on January 3, 2005, the Hokies represented Virginia Tech, the Commonwealth, and the ACC in a spirited contest against the third-ranked and undefeated Auburn Tigers; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tech Hokies made their 18th appearance in a bowl game and their 12th consecutive appearance during the tenure of Head Coach Frank Beamer; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech's appearance in a Bowl Championship Series bowl game capped a season characterized by an exceptional team effort to overcome the odds and succeed beyond the expectations of many; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Tech football team on its 2004 Atlantic Coast Conference football championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Head Coach Frank Beamer in honor of the outstanding success of the 2004 Virginia Tech Hokies.