

2007 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 750

Commending the Richlands High School football team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 19, 2007

Agreed to by the Senate, January 25, 2007

WHEREAS, the Richlands High School football team won the Virginia High School League Group AA, Division 3 state championship on December 9, 2006, by defeating Rockbridge County High School, 29-28; and

WHEREAS, the win was the perfect ending to a perfect season for the Richlands Blue Tornadoes, who finished with a 14-0 record and their first state football title since 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Tornadoes, of Tazewell County, started off strong and led 20-6 late in the first half, but then Rockbridge County rallied and scored three touchdowns to make the game a nailbiter; and

WHEREAS, challenged more than they had been all season, the Blues dug deep and came up with an impressive 11-play, 58-yard touchdown drive with 11 minutes to go in the game; and

WHEREAS, to secure the win, the Blue Tornadoes needed two dramatic plays in the final two minutes; senior Brett Clayburne blocked a field goal attempt with just under two minutes left and senior Austin Fuller intercepted a pass on the three-yard line with 36.4 seconds remaining; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary success of the 2006 Richlands High School football team is a tribute to the talent, dedication, and determination of the players; the leadership of Coach Greg Mance and his staff; and the support of the students and faculty of Richlands High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Richlands High School football team on its 2006 Group AA, Division 3 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Coach Greg Mance as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations for the outstanding performance of the 2006 Richlands Blue Tornadoes.

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