

2007 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 804

Commending the St. Anne's-Belfield High School football team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 26, 2007

Agreed to by the Senate, February 1, 2007

WHEREAS, claiming its third perfect season in school history, St. Anne's-Belfield High School Saints (11-0) of Charlottesville captured the Virginia Independent Schools Football Association (VISFA) Division 2 state championship by defeating Christchurch 21-10; and

WHEREAS, in a hard-fought game, sophomore Howie Long connected with senior Brian Linthicum on a 42-yard completion that put the Saints on the Christchurch six-yard line and senior Colin Pehanick then ran untouched into the end zone to give St. Anne's-Belfield a 7-3 lead at halftime; and

WHEREAS, after a scoreless third period, Christchurch took the lead with a touchdown with less than 11 minutes remaining in the game, but the Saints battled back with a 10-play, 80-yard drive that took almost five minutes; and

WHEREAS, with a little over a minute to go, Christchurch threw an interception into the hands of junior Chris Mereen, who made a 30-yard run to put the Saints in position to seal a fifth VISFA Division 2 state title win; and

WHEREAS, Colin Pehanick rushed for 239 yards and scored two touchdowns, including the three-yard score on 4th-and-goal in the final quarter that ended up being the game clincher; and

WHEREAS, the triumphant performance of the 2006 St. Anne's-Belfield football team is a tribute to the talent, dedication, and perseverance of the players; the leadership of Head Coach John Blake and his staff; and the support of the students and faculty of St. Anne's-Belfield; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Saints from St. Anne's-Belfield High School on their outstanding 2006 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 John Blake as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the championship performance of the 2006 St. Anne's-Belfield High School football team.

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