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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 849

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*Commending the Salem High School forensics team.*

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

WHEREAS, the Salem High School forensics team won the Virginia High School League Group AA forensics state championship on April 1, 2006, beating a field of 37 schools; and

WHEREAS, Salem's 18-member team competed in 10 categories including prose, poetry, storytelling, impromptu speaking, original oratory, foreign extemporaneous speaking, domestic extemporaneous speaking, individual humorous and dramatic interpretation of literary works, and duo interpretation of literary works; and

WHEREAS, 12 of Salem's 18 team members placed in final-round competition, and the team had two individual first place winners: Nick Cox won the storytelling category, and John Kayrouz won in humorous dramatic interpretation; and

WHEREAS, led by captains Kendall Atkins, Holly Strickland, and Brent Via and Coach Mark Ingerson, Salem won by an impressive margin, defeating its closest competitor, 2005 champion Charlottesville, by a score of 42-27; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding performance of the 2006 Salem High School forensics team is a tribute to the talent, dedication, and determination of its members; the passionate leadership of Coach Mark Ingerson; and the support of students, faculty, and parents of Salem High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Salem High School forensics team on its impressive 2006 season; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Coach Mark Ingerson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the championship performance of the 2006 Salem High School forensics team.

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