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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 882

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Commending the Dan River High School softball team.

Patrons—Hurt, Dudley and Marshall, D.W.; Senator: Hawkins

WHEREAS, the Dan River High School softball team won the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Group AA state championship on June 10, 2006, by defeating Powhatan High School, 3-2; and

WHEREAS, the Dan River Lady Wildcats advanced to the state championship tournament after winning the Piedmont District and Region IV titles and were determined to bring home the state title after losing in the title game in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the game was a pitcher's duel, with the Wildcats' Casey Pyron striking out 12 and allowing five hits, and Powhatan's pitcher striking out 12 while allowing seven hits; and

WHEREAS, Powhatan scored first, taking a 1-0 lead in the second inning, and the Wildcats were not able to respond until the sixth inning when freshman first baseman Bri Richie tied the game with a hard slide on a squeeze play; and

WHEREAS, Powhatan then went ahead in the seventh inning, forcing the Wildcats to come up with some big plays to orchestrate a come-from-behind victory; and

WHEREAS, trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the seventh, the Wildcats put together a solid hitting sequence to pull off the big win, with senior Casey Pyron bringing home senior Erin Hylton with a hit to right field and then scoring the winning run on a single by Bri Richie; and

WHEREAS, the spectacular performance of the 2006 Dan River High School softball team is a tribute to the talent, dedication, and perseverance of the players; the leadership of Coach Ryan Scolpini and his staff; and the support of the students, faculty, and parents of Dan River High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Dan River Lady Wildcats on their 2006 VHSL Group AA state softball championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Coach Ryan Scolpini as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the Wildcats' triumphant season.

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