2007 SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 525

Commending the Clarke County High School boys' outdoor track team.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2007 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2007

WHEREAS, the Clarke County High School boys' outdoor track team won the Virginia High School League Group A state championship on June 3, 2006, besting 47 schools from around the state; and

WHEREAS, the Clarke County Eagles dominated the middle-distance races and finished the event with 73 points, nearly doubling the score of second-place winner Middlesex who had 38 points; and

WHEREAS, the victory was especially sweet because the Eagles were runners-up in 2005, and it was the first boys' state title for Coach Nancy Specht, in her 10th year coaching the boys' team; and

WHEREAS, junior Simon Biddle-Snead led the Eagles, winning his third straight title in the 3200 meters and coming in second in the 1600-meter race; and behind him in the 1600 meters were freshman Ben Veilleux in third place, senior Michael Leonard in fourth place, and junior Daniel Callan in fifth place; and

WHEREAS, Michael Leonard pushed his teammate Simon Biddle-Snead in the 3200 meters, but had to settle for a second place finish, while Ben Veilleux finished fourth in the 3200 meters; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Callan won the 800-meter race in a thrilling, come-from-behind victory, and senior Clayton Brown finished third in the triple jump, missing tying the school record by a mere half-inch; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding performance of the 2006 Clarke County boys' outdoor track team is a tribute to the talent, dedication, and perseverance of the team members; the leadership of Coach Nancy Specht and her staff; and the support of the students, faculty, and parents of Clarke County High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Clarke County High School team on its Virginia High School League Group A state outdoor track championship; and, be it

RÉSOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Coach Nancy Specht as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the triumphant performance of the 2006 Clarke County Eagles.