

## 2010 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 255

*Commending the Christopher Newport University men's soccer team.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 12, 2010

Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2010

WHEREAS, the Christopher Newport University men's soccer team reached new heights in the fall of 2009, as the Captains ended the season ranked #5 in the nation in the final Division III poll by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding Christopher Newport University Captains went 18 - 2 - 4 for the season and finished 8 - 0 in the USA South Conference; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Steve Shaw, the Captains defeated North Carolina Wesleyan College in the USA South Conference tournament championship by outscoring on penalty kicks 4 - 2 after battling to a 1 - 1 double overtime tie; and

WHEREAS, the Captains advanced to the Elite 8 of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Tournament for the second straight year by posting NCAA wins over Cabrini College, Lynchburg College, and Stevens Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Newport University (CNU) was ranked #1 in the nation in the fall of 2008, becoming the first CNU squad to achieve a #1 national ranking; and

WHEREAS, sophomore Winston Mattheisen earned the USA South Player of the Year award and was named a second team All-American player by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous success of the 2009 CNU men's soccer team is due to the hard work and dedication of the players, the leadership of Head Coach Steve Shaw and his staff, and the support of the Christopher Newport University community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the 2009 Christopher Newport University men's soccer team on its outstanding 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 Steve Shaw as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the team's many accomplishments and recognitions.

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