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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 629

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Commending the Potomac Falls High School boys' basketball team.

Patron—Greason

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at the VCU Siegel Center, the Potomac Falls High School Panthers boys' basketball team claimed the 2010 Virginia High School League Division 4 championship for their own; and

WHEREAS, as the reigning Region II champions, the Potomac Falls High School Panthers first beat the Tabb High School Tigers 58 - 51 in the state quarterfinals, before garnering a handy 66 - 57 win over the Spotswood High School Trailblazers in the state semifinal match-up; and

WHEREAS, with only two seniors on the team roster, the Potomac Falls High School Panthers took the court for the championship final with four juniors and a sophomore in their starting line-up; and

WHEREAS, resolute in their desire for victory, the Potomac Falls High School Panthers remained unfazed by the Broadway High School Fighting Gobblers' more seasoned, three-senior line-up; and

WHEREAS, with less than two minutes left in the second half, the Potomac Falls High School Panthers trailed the Broadway High School Fighting Gobblers by four points; and

WHEREAS, summoning all their grit and determination, the Potomac Falls High School Panthers outmaneuvered the Broadway High School Fighting Gobblers, tying the score as the clock ran down not once, but twice, and propelled the game into double overtime; and

WHEREAS, with the crowd on its feet, the Potomac Falls High School Panthers relished their thrilling 69 - 64 double overtime victory over the Broadway High School Fighting Gobblers; and

WHEREAS, the Potomac Falls High School Panthers are the first team in Loudoun County history to bring home a Virginia High School League boys' basketball state title; and

WHEREAS, the triumph of the Potomac Falls High School Panthers belongs not only to the players, but also to the coaches, students, parents, and faculty of Potomac High School who supported the team throughout their regular season and through championship play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Potomac Falls High School boys' basketball team for their 2010 Virginia High School League Division 4 championship title; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Head Coach Jeff Hawes as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the team's outstanding season and championship performance.