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Commending the Riverheads High School football team.

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WHEREAS, the Riverheads High School football team won the Virginia High School League Group A, Division 1 state football championship on Saturday, December 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Riverheads Gladiators' win capped a 13 - 1 season during which they captured the Shenandoah District title and the Region B championship; and

WHEREAS, the Riverheads Gladiators defeated Amelia County High School by a score of 47 - 21 in the Region B semifinal game; and

WHEREAS, the Riverheads Gladiators took on and defeated Altavista High School by a score of 42 - 14 to claim the Region B championship; and

WHEREAS, the Riverheads Gladiators continued their climb to the championship by defeating Franklin High School by a score of 35 - 8 in the state semifinal game; and

WHEREAS, in the state championship game, the Riverheads Gladiators used their strong running attack to defeat Eastern Montgomery High School by a score of 63 - 49; and

WHEREAS, during the season, the Riverheads Gladiators outscored their opponents 593 - 216, averaging an impressive 42 points per game on offense while the defense allowed an average of only 15 points per game by opposing teams; and

WHEREAS, the Riverheads Gladiators were ably led by Head Coach Robert Casto and a talented, dedicated assistant staff including Ray Norcross, Mike Hemp, Paul Bradley, Gene Wassick, Charlie Ward, and Damian Eutsler with athletic trainer Hillary Powell and team doctor H. Lynn Moore providing assistance; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Robert Casto took the Riverheads Gladiators to their third state title after successfully coaching the 2000 and 2006 state champion Riverheads teams; and

WHEREAS, the Riverheads Gladiators claimed additional postseason honors when Coach Casto was named the District and Region Coach of the Year and 14 team members were named to the all-district team, and 11 were named to the all-Region B team; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding victory of the 2010 Riverheads High School football team is a tribute to the talent, dedication, and perseverance of the players, affectionately known as the "Red Pride" in their home community; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing support and enthusiasm of the students, parents, faculty, and staff of Riverheads High School, as well as the greater Augusta County community, encouraged the team members in their pursuit of the state title; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Riverheads High School Gladiators on their triumphant 2010 season; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Coach Robert Casto and Athletic Director Matt Stevens on behalf of the "Red Pride Nation" as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the commitment, dedication, and hard work that enabled the Riverheads High School Gladiators football team to secure the 2010 state championship.

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