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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 780

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Commending the Mosby Spartans.

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WHEREAS, on a hot summer night in June 2010, a group of eight- to 10-year-old boys, known as the Mosby Spartans, galvanized their neighborhood by winning the local Little League championship; and

WHEREAS, the team was born when Lawrence Day, a former Little League player himself who once played for Richmond's semipro team, the Washington Park Blue Sox, was reassigned to the Mosby community for the City of Richmond's summer parks and recreation program; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Day, now a crisis counselor at John Marshall High School, knocked on doors in the Mosby Court area to recruit players for a new baseball team; and

WHEREAS, the boys, most of whom had no prior baseball experience, were melded into champions by Coach Day's strong leadership and superior coaching skills and their regular practice at Lucks Field; and

WHEREAS, Coach Day brought his years of working with youth to the team, focusing on discipline and drilling the boys in punctuality, respect, and a neat appearance; and

WHEREAS, the team enjoyed strong support throughout the season from family members, friends, and neighbors who would come and enthusiastically cheer the boys on; and

WHEREAS, the hard work of the Mosby Spartans paid off when they took to the field against the Hotchkiss Eagles, soundly defeating them 5 - 3 before dousing their coach with the ice-cold contents of the drink cooler in the traditional end of game ritual; and

WHEREAS, led by MVP pitcher Antoine Bruce, the entire team worked hard throughout the season, learning that hard work, discipline, and teamwork produces great results; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding success of the Mosby Spartans is a tribute to the talent and dedication of the players, the leadership of Coach Lawrence Day, and the enthusiastic support of the Mosby community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Mosby Spartans on their championship win; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Coach Lawrence Day as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for his dedication to the Mosby Spartans and the team's spectacular success.

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