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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 426

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Commending the Vienna Steelers football team.

Patrons—Petersen; Delegate: Keam

WHEREAS, the 125-pound American division Vienna Steelers football team captured their second consecutive Eastern Division National Youth Football Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida, over Thanksgiving weekend in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Vienna Steelers won the 2009 Eastern Division National Youth Football Championship after a 20-0 shutout against a team from Farmville, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, at the end of an undefeated regular 2010 season, the Vienna Steelers had seven wins, zero losses, and six shut-out games on their record; scored 214 points against their opponents; and had only 14 points scored against them the entire season; and

WHEREAS, after eliminating the Southwestern Wildcats 12-6, the Vienna Steelers claimed an easy 24-6 victory over the Chantilly Vikings in the Fairfax County Youth Football League championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Vienna Steelers went on to conquer the Kettering-Largo-Mitchellville Steelers 38-0 to take the title at the Metro Bowl; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of assistant coaches Tiger Teramura and Mike Magnotti, the Vienna Steelers won the semifinal game of the National Youth Football Championship 38-0; and

WHEREAS, when the Vienna Steelers took the field against the Dolton Bears of Illinois in the final game of the National Youth Football Championship in Daytona Beach, they were outweighed but not outmatched in strength, speed, and determination; and

WHEREAS, recovering from an early touchdown by the Dolton Bears, the Vienna Steelers rallied to defend their title and won a hard-fought championship game 8-6; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Casey Samson praised the Vienna Steelers for their commitment to the strength training program developed by strength and conditioning coach Sean Staats; and

WHEREAS, the Vienna Steelers dedicated their perfect 12-0 championship season to their offensive coordinator, Cliff Doumas, who scheduled his chemotherapy appointments around the team's schedule and never missed a game; and

WHEREAS, the Vienna Steelers were forged into champions not only through their own hard work, drive, and character but also through the support of their families, coaches, volunteers, community sponsors, and loyal fans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Vienna Steelers football team, two-time Eastern Division National Youth Football Championship winners; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Casey Samson, head coach of the Vienna Steelers football team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their accomplishments and praise for their hard work and dedication.

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