2012 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 210

Commending the Gretna High School football team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2012 Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2012

WHEREAS, the Gretna High School football team claimed its fifth state title in the past nine seasons when it won the 2011 Virginia High School League Group A Division 2 football championship; and

WHEREAS, after advancing to the state championship game last season, the Gretna Hawks were determined to return and claim victory; they defeated a talented Goochland High School team 21 - 16 to take the 2011 crown; and

WHEREAS, as in the team's previous 14 games this season, the Gretna Hawks held the Goochland team to just two touchdowns; the Hawks did not allow any opponent to score more than two touchdowns per game all season long; and

WHEREAS, the Gretna High School football team boasts a powerful defense, which helped propel them to victory; in the third quarter, the Hawks recovered a fumble by Goochland and ran it to the one-yard line, scoring a touchdown two plays later; and

WHEREAS, the Gretna Hawks' offense was so strong in its running game that the team did not even attempt a pass in the second half, with all offensive plays taking place on the ground for a gain of 92 yards; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated coaching staff, ably led by head coach Kevin Saunders, and an enthusiastic and supportive Gretna High School community also contributed to the team's success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Gretna High School football team on winning the 2011 Virginia High School League Group A Division 2 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kevin Saunders, head coach of the Gretna High School football team, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on an outstanding season.