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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 321 Offered February 3, 2012 Commending the Norfolk State University men's cross country team.

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WHEREAS, the 2011 - 2012 men's cross country team won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) cross country title making this the fourth consecutive MEAC cross country title and the 11th conference championship for the Norfolk State University men's cross country team in the last 12 years;

WHEREAS, the performance of all the players has been outstanding in clinching this coveted championship title that brings with it positive recognition to the men's cross country team, the athletic program, and the University; and

WHEREAS, special tribute for a job well done is extended to the players who earned All-MEAC honors; to NSU senior Philemon Kimutai, who was named the MEAC Men's Cross Country Athlete of the Week twice during the season; and to Josef Tessema for being named most outstanding performer at the MEAC Championships; and

WHEREAS, such teamwork, dedication, and success is guided by the University coaching staff who provide the foundation for building strength, flexibility, and character for these young men while encouraging a positive attitude; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Kenneth Giles has become a legend in his own right by being named the MEAC Men's Most Outstanding Coach a total of 23 times; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the men's cross country team, Head Coach Kenneth Giles, and the assistant coaches for their remarkable achievements and success; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the men's cross country team, Head Coach Kenneth Giles, and the assistant coaches as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations for the team's championship performance.