HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 110

Commending Altavista Combined School football team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 10, 2014
Agreed to by the Senate, January 16, 2014

WHEREAS, the Altavista Combined School football team capped off a consistently strong and exciting season by winning the 2013 Virginia High School League Group 1A state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Altavista Colonels defeated a determined team from Essex High School 21 - 0 in the title matchup, which was held on December 14 at Salem Stadium; and

WHEREAS, despite the cold and rainy weather, the Colonels from Campbell County stayed focused; the team's intense concentration and desire to win showed in the first possession of the game, when Altavista intercepted a pass, taking control of the ball on the Essex nine-yard line; and

WHEREAS, the Altavista team's offense was strong, both in its passing game and its running game; the three touchdowns came on two scoring runs and a 19-yard touchdown pass; and

WHEREAS, the Colonels' tenacious and vigorous defense forced several interceptions, blocked a 28-yard field goal attempt, and stayed close to the Essex receivers throughout the contest; and

WHEREAS, the will to win that resulted in the state trophy is due to the discipline and talent shown by the entire Altavista team and coaching staff, which is ably led by head coach Mike Scharnus; another crucial component was the strong support of the students, staff, and the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Altavista Combined School football team for winning the 2013 Virginia High School League Group 1A football championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mike Scharnus, head coach of the Altavista Combined School football team, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the team's outstanding achievements.