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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 240

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Commending the Westfield High School field hockey team.

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WHEREAS, the Westfield High School field hockey team showed skill and resolve by winning the Virginia High School League Group 6A state field hockey championship in November 2013; and

WHEREAS, competing against the two-time defending state champion First Colonial Patriots, the Westfield High School Bulldogs scored first when Emily McNamara, junior midfielder, pushed through the Patriots defense from 25 yards out before placing a shot on goal with 21 minutes to play in the first half; and

WHEREAS, defending against a high-speed, relentless offensive attack from the Patriots, the Westfield Bulldogs defense and sophomore goalie Callie Rennyson held their own, entering halftime tied 1 - 1; and

WHEREAS, putting away a decisive strike, senior forward Katie Winesett scored her 36th career goal off a penalty corner in the 8th minute of the second half, giving the Westfield Bulldogs the state championship title; and

WHEREAS, with 24 years of experience, veteran coach Starr Karl has more than 300 victories, but this win as head coach of the Westfield Bulldogs was her first state championship title; and

WHEREAS, the victory is due to the talent and dedication of the players, the leadership of head coach Starr Karl and her staff, and support from the Westfield High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the 2013 Westfield High School field hockey team for winning the Virginia High School League Group 6A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Starr Karl, head coach of the Westfield High School field hockey team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's talent and dedication.

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