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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 308

Offered February 12, 2014

*Commending the Appomattox Angels All-Star softball team.*Patron—Fariss

WHEREAS, the Appomattox Angels All-Star softball team won both the district and state championship titles for the 2013 season; and

WHEREAS, the state crown was won by the Appomattox team in a double elimination tournament in July; the team defeated a strong squad from Brookneal 2 - 0, the second time the two teams had met in the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, later in July, the Appomattox Angels All-Star softball team competed in the Dixie Softball, Inc., Youth Angels World Series in Petal, Mississippi, as Virginia All-Stars; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia All-Stars softball team members were Abby Wilkerson, Hannah Marcum, Emma Drinkard, Kelsey Hackett, Madison Shirey, Kaleigh Hackett, Skylar Sams, Abbey Mann, Lydia Swan, Julianna Southall, Jenna St. John, and Leah Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia All-Stars softball team was ably led by head coach Jennifer Hackett and assistant coaches Ken Caldwell and Jeremy Marcum, with Susan Shirey serving as the team scorebook keeper; and

WHEREAS, after a long journey, the talented team of 9- and 10-year-olds came out strong in the opening game of the double-elimination World Series tournament by defeating Mississippi 8 - 6; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia All-Stars played their second game against Alabama and suffered a heart-breaking loss in extra innings 1 - 0; the Virginia All Stars' third game, an elimination contest, was against Arkansas, which the girls from Appomattox won resoundingly; the final score was 9 - 2; and

WHEREAS, in the next game, against Georgia, the Virginia All-Stars emerged with a 2 - 1 victory, which placed the young women in the semifinals; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia All-Stars ended the season as one of the top four teams in the nation; the squad also received the coveted Sportsmanship Trophy, a testimony to the positive attitude displayed by the 12 players and their coaches and the unwavering support of their fans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Appomattox Angels All-Star softball team for winning the district and state championship titles for the 2013 season; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jennifer Hackett, head coach of the Appomattox Angels All-Star softball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the team's championship season and best wishes for future success.

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