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14105377D HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 447

Offered March 3, 2014

Commending the Greater Loudoun Lions baseball team.

Patrons-Minchew, Greason, LaRock, LeMunyon, Ramadan and Rust; Senators: Black and Vogel

WHEREAS, the Greater Loudoun Lions baseball team resoundingly won the 2013 Babe Ruth World Series for 13- to 15-year-olds, becoming the first team from Loudoun County to win a Babe Ruth World Series title; and

WHEREAS, the Babe Ruth World Series was played August 17 to 24, 2013, at picturesque Fireman's Field in Purcellville; eight elite teams from across the country competed in the tournament; the Greater Loudoun Lions received an automatic bid as host team, and the top Virginia team was also entered; and

WHEREAS, the victory was made more special because the Greater Loudoun Lions are the first host team in the 13- to 15-year-old division ever to win the Babe Ruth World Series crown; they defeated a talented team from Westchester, California, 8 - 3, to claim the trophy; and

WHEREAS, Tim Owen, manager of the Greater Loudoun Lions, knew that his players were a force to be reckoned with; early on, the team set its sights on winning the World Series; in the final game, the championship was almost guaranteed after the Lions scored six runs in the fourth inning; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Babe Ruth World Series championship team are Kyle Bowles, Clayton Baine, Trey McDyre, Zachary Costello, Ryan Hanvey, Sam White, Griffin Buscavage, Adam Lockhart, Christian McDowell, Jack Howard, Kaleb Bowman, Hank Biggs, Nick Lemanski, Hunter Gore, and Austin Rader; Justin Lockhart served as bat boy, and Mike Lockhart and Glenn Graves were coaches; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Greater Loudoun Lions baseball team for winning the 2013 Babe Ruth World Series for 13- to 15-year-olds, becoming the first team from Loudoun County to win a Babe Ruth World Series title; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tim Owen, manager of the Greater Loudoun Lions baseball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for its stellar performance and championship season.