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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

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Commending the Honaker High School softball team.

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WHEREAS, the Honaker High School softball team capped an outstanding season by winning the 2013 Virginia High School League Group A Division 1 state championship title; and

WHEREAS, the Honaker High School softball team members worked hard throughout the regular season and demonstrated their tenacity and ability to perform under pressure during postseason play; and

WHEREAS, the Honaker High School softball team defeated Holston High School 3 - 2 in the state quarterfinals after scoring two runs in the top of seventh; in the state semifinals, the Tigers forged ahead in the top of the seventh to break the tie and defeat East Rockingham High School 2 - 1; and

WHEREAS, the Honaker High School softball team then faced Madison County High School in the state championship game before an enthusiastic crowd at the James I. Moyer Sports Complex in Salem; and

WHEREAS, the Honaker High School softball team was led by pitcher Emily Kendrick, one of seven seniors on the team; she struck out seven Madison County players, but the Mountaineers managed to cross home plate once to take a 1 - 0 lead over the Tigers; and

WHEREAS, the Honaker High School softball team, trailing the Mountaineers 1 - 0 in the bottom of the sixth with two outs, battled back with senior Allie Baker and junior Leah Elswick getting on base with singles; and

WHEREAS, senior Emily Kendrick then hit a home run to left field that brought her teammates home and the entire Honaker High School softball team onto the field to celebrate the team's winning hit and first state championship win since 1988; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable performance of the Honaker High School softball team is a tribute to the hard work and talent of the players, the leadership of Head Coach Amy Davidson and her staff, and the support of the entire Honaker High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honaker High School softball team on winning the 2013 Virginia High School League Group A Division 1 state title; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Amy Davidson, head coach of the Honaker High School softball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the team's winning season.

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