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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 96

Offered January 15, 2014

*Commending the Northside High School football team.*

Patrons—Edwards and Smith; Delegates: Habeeb and Rasoul

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2013, the Northside High School football team of Roanoke County won the Virginia High School League Group 3A state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Northside High School Vikings capped off a nearly perfect 14 - 1 season with a convincing victory against an experienced opponent in the state championship game; the Northside Vikings defeated the four-time champion James Monroe High School Yellow Jackets 24 - 10; and

WHEREAS, taking an early lead, the Northside Vikings shut out the James Monroe Yellow Jackets until the second half and only allowed them to cross midfield two times in the first half; and

WHEREAS, playing on a cold, rainy afternoon, the Northside Vikings resorted to smash mouth football, scoring three rushing touchdowns and a field goal; and

WHEREAS, the Vikings' defense was relentless, sacking the Yellow Jackets' quarterback six times, intercepting three passes, and holding the Yellow Jackets to only three rushing yards; and

WHEREAS, despite sustaining injuries prior to the championship game, the Northside Vikings were undeterred, with backups stepping up and playing at a high level; and

WHEREAS, the state title was the Northside Vikings' second in recent memory; they won the Virginia High School League Group AA, Division 3 championship in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Northside Vikings' victory is a tribute to the toughness and dedication of the players, hard work and leadership of the coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of the Northside High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the 2013 Northside High School football team on winning the Virginia High School League Group 3A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Burt Torrence, the head coach of the Northside High School football team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's talent, perseverance, and mettle.

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