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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1078

Offered February 20, 2017

Commending Briar Woods High School boys' lacrosse team.

Patrons—Minchew and Greason; Senators: Black and Wexton

WHEREAS, the Briar Woods High School boys' lacrosse team of Ashburn won the Virginia High School League Group 5A state championship in June 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Briar Woods High School Falcons defeated the Atlee High School Raiders 9 - 8 in a thrilling overtime game; senior Kyle Duffie scored the winning goal to bring home the program's first state title; and

WHEREAS, Briar Woods Falcons players Peyton Canada, Cole Pearsall, Brian Grant, Matthew Harris, Sam Krueger, and Danny McMinn each found the back of the net to give their team a 6 - 5 lead at halftime; and

WHEREAS, junior goalie Will Juneau and the Briar Woods Falcons defense, led by All-Conference performers Dominic DeSanctis and Adrian Land, kept the Atlee Raiders scoreless for almost 19 minutes in the second half; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Duffie and Chase Miller each scored to give the Briar Woods Falcons an 8 - 6 lead with less than three minutes to play, but the Atlee Raiders notched two goals in the final couple of minutes of regulation play to force sudden-death overtime; and

WHEREAS, goalie Will Juneau denied an Atlee score from point-blank range early in overtime, then Kyle Duffie intercepted a pass near midfield, raced towards the opposing goal, and produced a wrist shot to the back of the net that set off a wild celebration for Briar Woods Falcons players and fans; and

WHEREAS, Briar Woods Falcons seniors Kyle Duffie and Brian Grant took home the Virginia High School League Group 5A First-Team All-State lacrosse honors in 2016; and

WHEREAS, despite a roller coaster season, the Briar Woods Falcons boys' lacrosse team displayed the fortitude to prevail when it counted most and exhibited amazing teamwork and cohesiveness; and

WHEREAS, the boys' lacrosse team victory is a testament to the skill and dedication of all the players, the leadership and hard work of the coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of the entire Briar Woods High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Briar Woods High School boys' lacrosse team on winning the 2016 Virginia High School League Group 5A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bruce Lipson, head coach of the Briar Woods High School boys' lacrosse team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's hard work and achievement.

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