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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 737

Offered January 12, 2017

Commending the Atlee High School softball team.

Patrons—Fowler, Cole and Peace; Senators: Dunnavant, McClellan and McDougale

WHEREAS, the Atlee High School softball team from Mechanicsville capped another amazing season in 2016 by successfully defending their Virginia High School League Group 5A state championship title; and

WHEREAS, in a rematch of the 2015 state title game, the Atlee High School Raiders defeated the Hickory High School Hawks by a score of 5 - 0 to hoist their second consecutive state championship trophy and finish the season with a 23 - 2 record; and

WHEREAS, the Atlee Raiders advanced to the state championship game after defeating the Lee-Davis High School Confederates, their crosstown archrivals, in the 5A state semifinal game, powered by a three-run home run by senior catcher Raine Wilson and junior shortstop Casey Barrett; and

WHEREAS, in the championship game, the Atlee Raiders took a 1 - 0 lead over the Hickory Hawks in the second inning thanks to a solo home run by shortstop Casey Barrett, and the Raiders scored two more runs in the fourth inning due to Hickory High School's errors; and

WHEREAS, Atlee Raiders shortstop Casey Barrett drove in a run with a single in the fifth inning to make it 4 - 0, and in the seventh inning Mallorie Fodill's RBI double drove in the fifth and final run of the game; and

WHEREAS, Atlee Raiders starting pitcher Peyton St. George allowed three hits and struck out eight batters for her second consecutive state title win and shutout; and

WHEREAS, Peyton St. George, Casey Barrett, and junior outfielder Kelly Warren were recognized for their achievements during the 2016 season when they won Virginia High School League (VHSL) Group 5A First Team All-State honors; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Atlee High School softball team contributed to the championship victory through the incredible teamwork, determination, and skills that all of the players displayed throughout the 2016 season; and

WHEREAS, the Atlee High School softball team could not have won their second consecutive VHSL Group 5A state championship without the support of their awesome fans and the broader Atlee community, or without the leadership and guidance of their coach, Tom McIntyre, who set the bar high by securing a state title in his first year as head coach; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Atlee High School softball team of Mechanicsville on winning their second consecutive Virginia High School League Group 5A state championship title in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tom McIntyre, coach of the Atlee High School softball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's outstanding championship-winning season.

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