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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 323

Offered January 23, 2017

Commending the Rustburg High School baseball team.

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WHEREAS, the Rustburg High School baseball team claimed victory in the Virginia High School League Group 3A state championship game in June 2016, bringing home the first state baseball title in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Rustburg High School Red Devils won a thrilling 3 - 2 victory over the William Monroe High School Dragons to finish the season with a 20 - 5 overall record and earned their first state championship after making the title game four times; and

WHEREAS, Rustburg High School took a 3 - 0 lead that was bolstered by triples from Daegan Phillips and Drew Calohan, who later earned the top state honor of Virginia High School League (VHSL) Group 3A Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the William Monroe Dragons threatened in the fifth inning, when they scored two runs, but the Rustburg Red Devils stepped up their game and made good defensive plays to hold off their opponents and accomplish what they had been working for all year; and

WHEREAS, Rustburg Red Devils pitcher Hunter Campbell delivered a stellar performance on the mound in the championship game, finishing with seven strikeouts and giving up two runs, both unearned, on five hits in seven innings; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Rustburg High School baseball team contributed to the championship victory by showing up every day and putting in the work required to improve their skills, mental game, and physical strength; and

WHEREAS, the Rustburg Red Devils received excellent leadership and mentoring from coach Christopher Carr, who brought home the state title in only his second year as head coach of the baseball team and was named 2016 VHSL Group 3A Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Rustburg Red Devils could not have won the state championship without the support of their loyal fans in the Campbell County community, the enthusiasm of the students, teachers, and administrators at Rustburg High School, and the love and encouragement of their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Rustburg High School baseball team hereby be commended on winning the Virginia High School League Group 3A state championship in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Christopher Carr, coach of the Rustburg High School baseball team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's dedication to accomplishing their goal and their championship-caliber performance.

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