

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 428

Commending the Mills E. Godwin High School girls' soccer team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2017

WHEREAS, the Mills E. Godwin High School girls' soccer team of Richmond won the 2016 Virginia High School League Group 5A state soccer championship on June 11, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Mills Godwin High School Eagles defeated the Tuscarora High School Huskies of Leesburg by a score of 5 - 4 in an emotion-filled, double overtime game to bring home the first girls' soccer state championship in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Mills Godwin Eagles' offensive effort was led by sophomore Paige Franks, who recorded a hat trick, with the first two goals coming on penalty kicks and the third goal being the game-winning shot past the goalie; and

WHEREAS, the Mills Godwin Eagles squad played with tenacity all season and were determined to improve upon their semifinal appearance in the 2015 state tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Mills Godwin Eagles fought hard and supported one another throughout the season; the championship victory capped an emotional year for the team as head coach Ali Toole's father, Stuart, died before the beginning of the season; and

WHEREAS, Mills Godwin High School senior forward Taylor Guy and head coach Ali Toole were named Virginia High School League (VHSL) Group 5A Player of the Year and Coach of the Year, respectively, after leading the Eagles to the state title; and

WHEREAS, Mills Godwin High School players Taylor Guy, Paige Franks, Claire Franks, and Lyndsey Gutzmer earned VHSL Group 5A All-State Girls Soccer Team First Team honors; and

WHEREAS, the triumphant performance of the 2016 Mills Godwin Eagles girls' soccer team is a tribute to the talent, commitment, and perseverance of the players, the leadership of the coaches, and the support of the parents, students, and faculty of Mills Godwin High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Mills E. Godwin High School girls' soccer team hereby be commended on winning the Virginia High School League Group 5A state soccer championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ali Toole, head coach of the Mills E. Godwin High School girls' soccer team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's outstanding 2016 season and championship performance.

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