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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 441

Offered February 21, 2017

*Commending Ridgeview High School girls' basketball team.*Patron—Pillion

WHEREAS, the Ridgeview High School girls' basketball team of Clintwood capped an outstanding inaugural season by winning the Virginia High School League Group 2A state basketball championship in March 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgeview High School Wolfpack defeated the Union High School Bears of Big Stone Gap 51 - 48 in a nail biter of a game that was the sixth meeting of the two teams for the season; and

WHEREAS, the Union Bears took a 26 - 22 lead into halftime, but Ridgeview Wolfpack freshman Bailey Frazier gave her team life in the third quarter, when she scored eight of her 13 points for the game; and

WHEREAS, sophomore Nyla Gulley's free throw with 40 seconds left in the game gave the Ridgeview Wolfpack the lead for good, and senior Kayla Mullins hit four free throws in the final 30 seconds to secure the victory; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Mullins led the Ridgeview Wolfpack offense, scoring 19 points and recording the 2,000th point of her career on the last free throw of the game; and

WHEREAS, senior point guard Ivvy Gulley contributed nine points, four assists, and two steals in the championship game, helping to lead the Ridgeview Wolfpack to the state title in its first year in existence; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the 2014 - 2015 school year Clintwood High School merged with neighboring Haysi High School to form Ridgeview High School, and the newly combined girls' basketball team carried the momentum from Clintwood's 2015 Virginia High School League (VHSL) Group 1A state basketball championship into the 2016 season; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgeview Wolfpack won the Clinch Mountain Conference regular-season title in 2016, and bested the Union Bears in all six of their matchups; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Ridgeview Wolfpack girls' basketball team worked hard throughout the season, showed leadership on and off the court, and contributed to the championship victory, and the players were ably coached by Donnie Frazier and his staff; and

WHEREAS, after leading Ridgeview High School to the championship title, Kayla Mullins, the all-time scoring leader in Dickenson County, was named VHSL Group 2A Player of the Year and Donnie Frazier was named VHSL Group 2A Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgeview High School girls' basketball team was greatly supported by their families, friends, fellow students, and the entire school community, especially the devoted fans who packed the 2,350-seat capacity gym for big games; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Ridgeview High School girls' basketball team hereby be commended on winning the 2016 Virginia High School League Group 2A state basketball championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Donnie Frazier, head coach of the Ridgeview High School girls' basketball team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's outstanding performance and superb accomplishments.

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