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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 424

Offered February 17, 2017

Commending the E. C. Glass High School cross country team.

Patrons—Peake, Carrico, Ebbin and Howell; Delegates: Bourne, Boysko, Byron, Carr, Cole, Garrett, Hope, Landes, Minchew, Morefield, Rasoul, Simon, Torian, Tyler and Ware

WHEREAS, the E. C. Glass High School cross country team of Lynchburg capped an outstanding 2016 season by winning the Virginia High School League Group 4A state championship; and

WHEREAS, four E. C. Glass runners set personal records and five posted top-20 finishes to lead the Hilltoppers to the first-ever cross country state championship in school history; and

WHEREAS, the E. C. Glass team finished the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Group 4A cross country state championship at Great Meadow race course in The Plains with 36 points, blowing past the second-place team, which had 88 points; and

WHEREAS, the E. C. Glass cross country team captured the VHSL Group 4A regional championship in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 E. C. Glass cross country team was comprised of Libby Davidson, Brooke Manion, Jette Davidson, Maddie Rennyson, Logan Hartsell, Leah Seilhah, Emma Kate Russell, and Regan Kinder; and

WHEREAS, E. C. Glass team members Brooke Manion, Jette Davidson, Maddie Rennyson, and Logan Hartsell set personal records in their third-place, eighth-place, fifteenth-place, and sixteenth-place finishes, respectively; and

WHEREAS, E. C. Glass senior Libby Davidson, a two-time VHSL Group 4A cross country state champion, ran the entire championship race in excruciating pain due to tendinitis in her hips, but she gutted it out for a fourth-place finish, a testament to her superior athleticism; and

WHEREAS, the E. C. Glass High School cross country team performed their best when the spotlight was the brightest in 2016, and all members of the team contributed to the championship caliber season; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 E. C. Glass cross country team received excellent mentorship and leadership from their coaches, Van Porter and Cotrena Liggon, and their championship season would not have been possible without the support of the E. C. Glass High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the E. C. Glass High School cross country team on winning the Virginia High School League Group 4A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Van Porter, head coach of the E. C. Glass High School cross country team, and Cotrena Liggon, assistant coach of the E. C. Glass High School cross country team, as an expression of the General Assembly's sincere congratulations and admiration for the team's phenomenal performance.

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