

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 187

Commending the University of Mary Washington men's soccer team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2018

Agreed to by the Senate, February 8, 2018

WHEREAS, the University of Mary Washington men's soccer team won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Capital Athletic Conference championship on November 4, 2017, in Newport News, securing a record ninth conference title; and

WHEREAS, the conference championship win came on the heels of a terrific season for the University of Mary Washington Eagles, who relied on fluid passing, excellent counter-attacking and set pieces, and a stingy defense to finish the year with a 15 - 5 - 1 record; and

WHEREAS, in the conference championship game, the third-seeded Mary Washington Eagles defeated the top-seeded Christopher Newport University Captains 3 - 1 to claim their first title since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Mary Washington Eagles started strong in the conference final, scoring just two minutes into the game after senior Colin Travis headed in a free kick from junior Ryan Van Maanen; and

WHEREAS, the Mary Washington Eagles maintained their 1 - 0 advantage into halftime thanks to a diving stop from senior goalkeeper Matt Spencer, who ended the game with seven saves; they then doubled their lead to 2 - 0 after junior midfielder Keanu Korkor assisted Ryan Van Maanen for a 58th minute goal; and

WHEREAS, the Mary Washington Eagles allowed a set piece goal in the 70th minute to cut their lead to 2 - 1, but they went on to seal the victory in the 81st minute when a play from sophomore Idrissa Barrie caused the Christopher Newport Captains to knock the ball into their own goal; and

WHEREAS, by winning the conference final, the Mary Washington Eagles advanced to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III national tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Mary Washington University men's soccer team's conference title is a testament to the skill and dedication of its student-athletes, the excellent guidance of its coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of family, friends, and the entire Mary Washington University community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the University of Mary Washington men's soccer team on winning the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association Capital Athletic Conference championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jason Kilby, head coach of the University of Mary Washington men's soccer team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's fantastic season.

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