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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 231

Offered February 7, 2018

Commending the U19 Girls Vienna Youth Soccer Phoenix '99.

Patrons—Kearney; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, the U19 Girls Vienna Youth Soccer Phoenix '99 won the Virginia Youth Soccer Association State Cup in November 2017, earning its second state title in three years; and

WHEREAS, the U19 Girls Vienna Youth Soccer Phoenix '99 secured the 2 - 1 state win after a dramatic comeback against Herndon United, who scored in the 16th minute to take an early lead; and

WHEREAS, the U19 Girls Vienna Youth Soccer Phoenix '99 struggled to find momentum until Abby Fusca found an opening on the right side of the field and crossed the ball in to Rachel Jackson to level the score at 1 - 1 before the half; and

WHEREAS, Vienna goalkeeper Christina Larow made several critical saves early in the tense second half, and Whitney Wiley scored the game winner off of another cross from Abby Fusca in the 76th minute; the U19 Girls Vienna Youth Soccer Phoenix '99 kept up the pressure in the final minutes and relied on its strong defense to close out the game; and

WHEREAS, as the state champions, the U19 Girls Vienna Youth Soccer Phoenix '99 represented the Commonwealth in the 2017 National Premier Leagues championship and reached the final as the first Vienna team to compete for a national title at this tournament; and

WHEREAS, the state championship victory is a testament to the talent and hard work of all the athletes on the U19 Girls Vienna Youth Soccer Phoenix '99, the leadership and guidance of the team's coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of family, friends, and fans in the Vienna community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the U19 Girls Vienna Youth Soccer Phoenix '99 on winning the Virginia Youth Soccer Association State Cup; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the U19 Girls Vienna Youth Soccer Phoenix '99 as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievements and best wishes for the future.

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