

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

Commending the Appomattox County High School football team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 16, 2018

WHEREAS, the Appomattox County High School football team won the Virginia High School League Class 2A state championship on December 10, 2017, claiming its third straight state title; and

WHEREAS, the Appomattox County High School Raiders' championship three-peat capped off a memorable season in which the team finished 14 - 1 and often overwhelmed opponents with a rapid-fire offense and a commanding defense; and

WHEREAS, in the title game played at Salem City Stadium, the Appomattox County Raiders triumphed over the Robert E. Lee High School Leemen 38 - 34 to secure the state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Robert E. Lee Leemen scored first in the tense, seesaw state final, but the Appomattox County Raiders soon equalized with a 48-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Javon Scruggs to receiver De'Von Graves; and

WHEREAS, the Appomattox County Raiders showed remarkable grit and determination by repeatedly coming from behind in the title game; a 10-yard rushing touchdown from Javon Scruggs tied the game at 17 - 17 in the third quarter, and Collen Shaw later caught a 23-yard touchdown pass to even the score at 24 - 24; and

WHEREAS, the Appomattox County Raiders took their first lead of the game in the fourth quarter, when Javon Scruggs scored a 3-yard touchdown to make it 31 - 27; the team then fell behind by three points, only to rally one last time with a 6-yard touchdown pass from Scruggs to Devin Dews with less than two minutes left in the game; and

WHEREAS, as the seconds ticked away, the Appomattox County Raiders' defense made a crucial stand to deny the Robert E. Lee Leemen a first down, sealing the state championship; and

WHEREAS, along with the Appomattox County Raiders' third straight state title, head coach Doug Smith won the Class 2A football coach of the year award; quarterback Javon Scruggs, who also plays as a safety, was named defensive player of the year; and

WHEREAS, the Appomattox County High School football team's state championship win is a tribute to the skill and dedication of its student-athletes, the excellent guidance of coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of family members, friends, and the entire Appomattox County High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Appomattox County High School football team hereby be commended on winning the Virginia High School League Class 2A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Doug Smith, head coach of the Appomattox County High School football team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's remarkable season.

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