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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 714

Offered January 14, 2019

Commending the Suffolk Christian Academy softball team.

Patrons—Jones, S.C.; Senator: Cosgrove

WHEREAS, the Suffolk Christian Academy softball team won its first National Association of Christian Athletes championship in the Division 2 level on May 12, 2018, and became the first athletic team in school history to earn such a distinction; and

WHEREAS, the talented and determined softball players from the Suffolk Christian Academy defeated the Covenant Christian Academy 7 - 6; and

WHEREAS, at the two-day tournament in eastern Tennessee, the Suffolk Christian Knights fell behind Covenant 5 - 0 after the first three innings, but in the fourth inning, the Suffolk Christian Knights put themselves on the board with two runs; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk Christian Knights scored three runs in the fifth inning with Channing Acree, Penelope Franklin, and Zoe Wheeler driving in runs; the fifth-inning momentum carried them through the final two innings with the team taking its first lead of the game in the seventh inning with two runs scored; and

WHEREAS, the win was a team effort, and Suffolk Christian Knights' coach, Robbie Lester, credited the athletes for their fantastic attitudes throughout the event, highlighting Penelope Franklin for being a spark on offense, and defensive captain, Katie Glover, as a positive presence in the dugout; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2018 season, the members of the Suffolk Christian Academy softball team were enthusiastically supported by their families, fellow students, and the entire school community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Suffolk Christian Academy softball team for winning its first National Association of Christian Athletes championship in the Division 2 level on May 12, 2018, and for becoming the first athletic team in school history to earn such a distinction; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Suffolk Christian Academy softball team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's championship season and stellar performance.

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