

## 2020 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

*Commending the Union High School boys' cross country team.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2020

Agreed to by the Senate, January 16, 2020

WHEREAS, the Union High School boys' cross country team of Big Stone Gap won the team title at the Virginia High School League Class 2 State Championship on November 16, 2019, at Green Hill Park in Salem; and

WHEREAS, the Union High School Bears secured the victory by posting a score of 54 points, finishing 24 points ahead of the runner-up Strasburg High School Rams; and

WHEREAS, the Union Bears were led by Nathaniel Hersel, who finished in sixth place with a time of 16:33; Tanner Cusano, who finished seventh with a time of 16:46; and Jacob Mullins, who finished thirteenth with a time of 17:07; each runner earned all-state honors for finishing in the top 15 of the race; and

WHEREAS, the Union Bears' win was sealed by Caiden Bartee and Asher Whitt, who both finished in the top 25, and ensured by strong performances from Mason Byington and Benjamin Hersel; and

WHEREAS, the win demonstrates the support the athletes show for each other; it is the culmination of years of training and preparation dating back to middle school for several members of the Union Bears team; and

WHEREAS, the Union Bears' success is the result of the hard work and determination of the student-athletes, the encouragement and guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the resounding support of the entire Union High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Union High School boys' cross country team for winning the team title at the 2019 Virginia High School League Class 2 State Championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mark Castle, coach of the Union High School boys' cross country team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their achievement and best wishes for the future.

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