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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 276

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Commending the South Lakes High School boys' soccer team.

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WHEREAS, the South Lakes High School boys' soccer team earned its first state title in program history with a victory in the Virginia High School League Class 6 State Championship on June 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, while the South Lakes High School Seahawks were known for their prodigious offense throughout the season, the Madison High School Warhawks stymied their chances and held the score level at 0-0 until late in the second half, when sophomore Merrick Edgerton scored the lone goal of the match with a game-winning header; and

WHEREAS, on the road to the state final, the South Lakes High School Seahawks won the district and regional championships and ultimately finished the season with an impressive 20-1-0 record; with three sophomores in the championship starting lineup, the team is well-poised for success in the future; and

WHEREAS, the members of the South Lakes High School soccer program represent more than 30 countries, with more than half of the varsity squad comprising first-generation and second-generation immigrants, and are united by their love of the beautiful game despite differences in culture, language, and life experiences; and

WHEREAS, the victory is a testament to the hard work of all the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of the entire South Lakes High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the South Lakes High School boys' soccer team on winning the Virginia High School League Class 6 State Championship in 2019; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marty Pfister, head coach of the South Lakes High School boys' soccer team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's determination, skill, and achievements on and off the pitch.

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