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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

Offered January 28, 2020

Commending the Maury High School football team.

Patrons-Lindsey, Cole, J.G., Cole, M.L., Delaney, Jenkins, McQuinn and Rasoul

WHEREAS, the Maury High School football team of Norfolk won the Virginia High School League Class 5 State Championship on December 14, 2019, at Hampton University's Armstrong Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Maury High School Commodores defeated the Stone Bridge High School Bulldogs of Ashburn with a score of 28-21 to capture the program's first state title in 80 years; and

WHEREAS, the undefeated Maury Commodores broke out to a commanding early lead, putting up four touchdowns before the Stone Bridge Bulldogs had points on the board; KeAndre Lambert had two touchdown receptions on passes from EJ Gibson, who had one of the team's two touchdown runs alongside Khamran Laborn; and

WHEREAS, an interception by Shaq McKesson following pressure from Paul Hutson helped set up an excellent field position for a quick touchdown, highlighting a stout defensive performance that kept the score in the Maury Commodores' favor the entire game; and

WHEREAS, after a valiant comeback by the Stone Bridge Bulldogs, it was a one-possession game at the end of the third quarter; with the offensive line employing the grit and determination that had defined the team all season, the Maury Commodores completed six first-down conversions and maintained possession for nearly 11 minutes to seal the win; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Maury Commodores are the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the unwavering support of the entire Maury High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Maury High School football team hereby be commended for winning the 2019 Virginia High School League Class 5 State Championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dyrri McCain, coach of the Maury High School football team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' heartfelt admiration for the team's achievement and best wishes for the future.