

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 502

Commending the Gate City High School girls' basketball team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 28, 2020

WHEREAS, the Gate City High School girls' basketball team secured the Virginia High School League Class 2 state title on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, earlier in the season, the Gate City High School Blue Devils faced several tough non-district opponents and finished third in the Mountain 7 District and second in Region 2D, but overcame the Region 2D champions, the Union High School Bears, in the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, in the state tournament final, held at the Siegel Center in Richmond, the Gate City Blue Devils defeated the Luray High School Bulldogs by a score of 64-54; and

WHEREAS, after a tense start to the game, the Gate City Blue Devils held a narrow lead at halftime, then pulled ahead with a critical 16-6 run in the third quarter; and

WHEREAS, the Gate City Blue Devils' state championship victory was a total team effort, with nine players scoring points, led by junior Sarah Thompson with 19 points, eight rebounds, four assists, and one block; and

WHEREAS, the Gate City Blue Devils achieved success with the leadership and guidance of the team's coaches and staff members, as well as the enthusiastic support of parents, friends, and the entire Gate City High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Gate City High School girls' basketball team hereby be commended on winning the Virginia High School League Class 2 state championship in March 2020; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kelly Smith Houseright, head coach of the Gate City High School girls' basketball team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's resilience and composure under pressure.

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