

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 507

Commending the 1970 Chilhowie High School football team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 15, 2021

WHEREAS, the 1970 Chilhowie High School football team celebrated the 50th anniversary of their Virginia High School League Group A state championship victory in 2020; and

WHEREAS, led by Ron Bales, an innovative and daring young coach, the Chilhowie High School football team began the 1970 season with ambitions to redeem themselves after their disappointing 2-8 finish in 1969; and

WHEREAS, after tough losses to Marion High School and Patrick Henry High School of Glade Spring early in the year, the 1970 Chilhowie High School football team finished the latter half of the season undefeated and captured a Hogoheegee District title and a Region C title; and

WHEREAS, with a gutsy trick play that would prove the defining moment of a storied season, the 1970 Chilhowie High School football team edged out J.J. Kelly High School of Wise in the VHSL Group A state semifinal, earning a bid to the state championship; and

WHEREAS, the 1970 Chilhowie High School football team capped off its memorable season with a 7-6 win over Fluvanna High School in the first-ever Virginia High School League Group A state championship, bringing the title home to an enthusiastic crowd of fans and well-wishers in Smyth County; and

WHEREAS, the 1970 Chilhowie High School football team's accomplishment was the result of the diehard determination of the student-athletes, the bold leadership of their coaches, and the unwavering support of the entire Chilhowie High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the 1970 Chilhowie High School football team hereby be commended on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their Virginia High School League Group A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to representatives of the 1970 Chilhowie High School football team as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's historic achievement.

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