

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 702

Offered August 3, 2021

Commending the Oscar F. Smith High School football team.

Patrons—Spruill, Barker, Bell, Boysko, Cosgrove, DeSteph, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hashmi, Howell, Kiggans, Lewis, Marsden, Mason, McPike, Ruff and Saslaw

WHEREAS, the Oscar F. Smith High School football team of Chesapeake won the Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship at its home field on May 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, playing before a limited capacity crowd as well as fans cheering from beyond the stadium's fences, the Oscar Smith High School Tigers defeated the South County High School Stallions of Lorton by a score of 62-21; and

WHEREAS, capping the season with a perfect 9-0 record and bringing home the program's first state championship since 2011, the Oscar Smith Tigers' decisive victory was a redemptive finish after the team was narrowly defeated by the South County Stallions in the 2019 state final; and

WHEREAS, despite giving up a touchdown during the South County Stallions' first possession of the game, the Oscar Smith Tigers quickly rallied and put up 28 points in the first eight minutes of competition; and

WHEREAS, the Oscar Smith Tigers were carried by an outstanding defense, which tallied five interceptions, and a standout performance by quarterback Ethan Vasko, who rushed for three touchdowns and passed for two; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Oscar Smith Tigers 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 Oscar Smith High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Oscar F. Smith High School football team hereby be commended for winning the 2021 Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chris Scott, head coach of the Oscar F. Smith High School football team, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the team's achievements and best wishes for the future.

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