

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 755

Commending the Salem High School forensics team.

Agreed to by the Senate, August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, the Salem High School forensics team claimed its 15th consecutive state title with a win in the Virginia High School League Class 4 state championship in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Salem High School Spartans defeated a talented team from Grafton High School by a score of 32-15 to secure the team title; and

WHEREAS, Salem High School's Sophia Gibson, Emily Snow, Taylor Berenbaum, and the duos of Annika Bryant and Riley Evans and Nash Lakin and Graham Roudebush also won individual titles in their respective events; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Salem High School Spartans overcame numerous challenges to maintain its winning tradition, including practicing in masks while socially distanced and competing virtually through prerecorded videos or live video calls; and

WHEREAS, the Salem High School Spartans are now tied for the most consecutive Virginia High School League state title victories in forensics and only two behind the all-time record in any VHSL activity; and

WHEREAS, the victory is a tribute to the skill and hard work of the team members, the leadership and guidance of coaches and advisors, and the enthusiastic support of the entire Salem High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Salem High School forensics team hereby be commended on winning the Virginia High School League Class 4 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mark Ingerson, head coach of the Salem High School forensics team, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the team's outstanding achievements.

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