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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 122

Offered January 18, 2022

*Commending the Norfolk State University baseball team.*

Patrons—Hayes; Senator: Spruill

WHEREAS, the Norfolk State University baseball team won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship on May 22, 2021, at Marty L. Miller Field in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk State University Spartans defeated the North Carolina Central University Eagles by a score of 7-6 to bring home the program's first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championship title; and

WHEREAS, after coming from behind to force extra innings and staving off a two-run deficit in the 10th inning, the Norfolk State Spartans closed out the contest on second baseman Alsander Womack's walk-off RBI single in the 11th inning; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk State Spartans were carried by standout performances from Ty Hanchey, who had four hits and two RBIs; Adam Collins, who scored three runs; Jacob Council, whose RBI groundout tied the game in the 9th inning; Alex Wright, who came out of the bullpen to throw a season-high 6.1 innings; and Michael Portela, who threw 1.2 scoreless innings for the win; and

WHEREAS, Alsander Womack, Ty Hanchey, Danny Hosley, and James Deloatch were all named to the MEAC all-tournament team, while head coach Keith Shumate was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Coach; and

WHEREAS, after disappointment in nine previous MEAC championship appearances, the Norfolk State Spartans' victory was a redemptive and cathartic moment for players and fans; their championship win was notably the first for a MEAC North division team since 1998; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Norfolk State Spartans are the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and professors, and the unwavering support of the entire Norfolk State University community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Norfolk State University baseball team for winning the 2021 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Keith Shumate, head coach of the Norfolk State University baseball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement.

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