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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 221

Offered February 14, 2022

Commending the Frank W. Cox High School baseball team.

Patrons—Tata; Senators: Cosgrove and DeSteph

WHEREAS, the Frank W. Cox High School baseball team of Virginia Beach won the Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship on June 26, 2021, at Woodgrove High School in Purcellville; and

WHEREAS, the Frank W. Cox High School Falcons defeated the Woodgrove High School Wolverines by the score of 11-2 to finish the season with a 16-1 record and to capture the program's first state championship title since 1996; and

WHEREAS, tied 1-1 after three innings, the Frank W. Cox Falcons capitalized on Woodgrove fielding errors in the fourth to take the lead and never looked back, posting runs in each of the final four innings; and

WHEREAS, the Frank W. Cox Falcons' win was a total team effort, with a standout performance from pitcher Nate Hawley, who had six strikeouts and allowed only one run on two hits through the first six innings of play; and

WHEREAS, the Frank W. Cox Falcons were driven all season by the team's rallying cry, "bring it home," and their victory provided the perfect end to the high school baseball careers of the team's nine seniors, Ethan Anderson, Joseph Barreiro, John Bastiaans, Jackson Delashmutt, Kyle Edwards, Nate Hawley, Fenwick Trimble, Sam Slevin, and Gavin Spencer; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Frank W. Cox Falcons is 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 Frank W. Cox High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Frank W. Cox High School baseball team for winning the 2021 Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Matt Ittner, head coach of the Frank W. Cox High School baseball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement.

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