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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 225

Offered February 15, 2022

Commending the First Colonial High School boys' soccer team.

Patrons—Tata; Senators: Cosgrove and DeSteph

WHEREAS, the First Colonial High School boys' soccer team of Virginia Beach won the Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship on June 23, 2021, at their home field; and

WHEREAS, the First Colonial High School Patriots defeated the John R. Lewis High School Lancers of Springfield by a score of 5-0 to bring home the program's first state championship title; and

WHEREAS, the First Colonial Patriots scored within the first two minutes of the match and never looked back, securing a dominant win that was a fitting end to a season in which they tallied an impressive 14-0-1 record; and

WHEREAS, the First Colonial Patriots' victory was a total team effort, led by Owen Ruddy, who had two goals, as well as Zach Wagner, Paul Battaglia, and Caleb Jones, who each scored one goal; and

WHEREAS, the First Colonial Patriots became the first high school boys' soccer team from South Hampton Roads to win a state championship title since 2010; and

WHEREAS, the evening provided a moment of redemption for the First Colonial Patriots, as the program had put forth strong teams in the past that finished just short in the regional and state tournaments; and

WHEREAS, the success of the First Colonial Patriots 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 First Colonial Patriots community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the First Colonial High School boys' soccer 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 Juice Pantophlet, coach of the First Colonial High School boys' soccer team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement.

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