

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

Commending the Giles High School girls' volleyball team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2022

WHEREAS, the Giles High School girls' volleyball team won the Virginia High School League Class 2 state championship on April 24, 2021, at its home gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, the Giles High School Spartans defeated the Luray High School Bulldogs in three straight sets by the scores of 25-12, 25-10, and 25-13, bringing home not only the program's first state title but the first state title for any girls' program at the school; and

WHEREAS, after close contests in both the regional semifinal and the state semifinal, the Giles Spartans dominated in their final match of the season, establishing significant leads early in each set that allowed them to cruise to victory; and

WHEREAS, the Giles Spartans' win was a total team effort, led by strong performances from Hannah Steele, who had 20 kills; Emma Claytor, who had 14 kills; Alyssa Pennington, who had 40 assists; and Jillian Midkiff, who had 26 digs; and

WHEREAS, the championship season was a triumphant end to the high school careers of the Giles Spartan seniors, including Emma Claytor, Ruby Estes, Hayley Howell, Jillian Midkiff, Alyssa Pennington, Kait Rice, Hannah Steele, and Madison Wright; and

WHEREAS, the Giles Spartans' stellar 15-3 season electrified the community; in observance of crowd restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a large group of Giles County residents and Giles High School alumni gathered in the auditorium and on the football field during the championship match to show their support; and

WHEREAS, the Giles Spartans received national media attention during their championship run as they were featured on the radio show of ESPN analyst and Giles High School alumnus Marty Smith; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Giles Spartans 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 Giles High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Giles High School girls' volleyball team hereby be commended for winning the 2021 Virginia High School League Class 2 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mandy Havens, coach of the Giles High School girls' volleyball team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's achievement.

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