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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

Offered January 18, 2022

Commending the Riverheads High School football team.

Patrons—Hanger and Deeds; Delegates: Avoli and Campbell, R.R.

WHEREAS, the Riverheads High School football team of Staunton won the Virginia High School League Class 1 state championship at Salem Stadium on December 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Riverheads High School Gladiators defeated the Galax High School Maroon Tide by a score of 45—14 to bring home the program's sixth consecutive state title and its ninth in program history; and

WHEREAS, the Riverheads High School Gladiators' streak of six straight victories in the title game extends a Virginia High School League state record for most consecutive state championships; and

WHEREAS, the Riverheads Gladiators' victory completes its undefeated season and furthers its winning streak to 50 games, the longest active winning streak among high school football programs in the nation and two games shy of the Virginia High School League record for most consecutive wins; and

WHEREAS, the Riverheads Gladiators were led by strong performances from Cayden Cook-Cash, who had four touchdowns and 216 yards on 18 carries, and Luke Bryant, who rushed for 174 yards, including a magnificent 77-yard touchdown run in the third quarter; and

WHEREAS, as a result of schedule changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Riverheads Gladiators also won a Virginia High School League state championship in May 2021, giving the team the unique distinction of winning two state titles in the same year; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Riverheads Gladiators are 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 Riverheads High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Riverheads High School football team for winning the Virginia High School League Class 1 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert Casto, head coach of the Riverheads High School football team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement.

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