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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 631

Offered April 26, 2022

Commending the Menchville High School girls' basketball team.

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WHEREAS, the Menchville High School girls' basketball team secured the first state title in program history with a victory in the Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Menchville High School Monarchs defeated the previously unbeaten Woodgrove High School Wolverines by a lopsided score of 59-36 to become only the second girls' basketball team from Newport News Public Schools to win a state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Menchville Monarchs balanced one-on-one defensive pressure with an aggressive offense to dominate the flow of the state championship; junior Amari Smith led the team with 17 points and eight rebounds, followed by Atiana Williams and Jayleen Hallums with 13 points each; and

WHEREAS, Amari Smith was named the Class 5 Player of the Year, averaging 21.5 points, 8.5 rebounds, four assists, three steals, and two blocks per game throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, the Menchville Monarchs' head coach, Adrian Webb, was named the Class 5 Coach of Year after leading the team to an impressive 24-3 overall record; and

WHEREAS, the historic win is a tribute to the skill and perseverance of all the student-athletes, the leadership and dedication of coaches and staff, and the unwavering support of the entire Menchville High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Menchville High School girls' basketball team hereby be commended on winning the Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship in 2022; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Adrian Webb, head coach of the Menchville High School girls' basketball team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's achievements.

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