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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

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Commending the Augusta County 13-year-old Babe Ruth all-star baseball team.

Patrons—Hanger; Delegates: Landes and Saxman

WHEREAS, the 2001 Augusta County 13-year-old Babe Ruth all-star baseball team experienced unprecedented success; and

WHEREAS, comprised of 13-year-old players from eight regular season teams from Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County, the all-stars competed successfully at the district, state, and regional levels; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta County all-stars won the Virginia state tournament by compiling a record of 4-1; and

WHEREAS, in the Southeast Regional tournament in Lake City, Florida, the Augusta team opened with four straight victories, then won the winners' bracket final against Columbus, Georgia, with a stirring rally to come from six runs behind and prevail 10-6; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia team came out of the losers' bracket in the double-elimination tournament to defeat Augusta County, 6-2, setting up a one-game winner-take-all contest for the regional championship; and

WHEREAS, once again, Georgia took the lead, but Augusta County rallied with a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to win the regional title, 3-2, and advance to the Babe Ruth World Series in Wilson, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta County all-stars were led by Manager Dale Burford and Coaches Randy Fisher and Bill Schindler; and

WHEREAS, with their talent, spirit, teamwork, and sportsmanship, the all-stars from Augusta County—Kent Burford, Wes Dimitt, Robert Farrar, Matt Fisher, Donovan Huffer, Shawn Karr, Jason Perry, Matt Ramey, Zac Schindler, Justin Stevenson, Tyler Truxell, and Lee VanLear—brilliantly represented Augusta County and the Commonwealth throughout the summer of 2001; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Augusta County Babe Ruth 13-year-old all-stars on their 2001 state and regional championships; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Manager Dale Burford as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration of the outstanding success of the Augusta County Babe Ruth all-stars.

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