HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5005

Commending the Altavista Combined School boys' basketball team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 3, 2013 Agreed to by the Senate, April 3, 2013

WHEREAS, the Altavista Combined School boys' basketball team captured the Virginia High School League Group A, Division 1 state championship before an enthusiastic crowd on March 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Altavista Combined School boys' basketball team won the Region B championship and then defeated Surry County High School and John I. Burton High School to advance to the state final where it faced West Point High School; and

WHEREAS, the young Altavista Combined School boys' basketball team came out strong against West Point High School and built a 41 - 26 lead by halftime on its way to an 80 - 62 victory and the state championship title; and

WHEREAS, the Altavista Combined School Colonels were led by sophomores Darius Johnson with 21 points, Juan Thornhill with 21 points, Meche Maulbeck with 16 points, and Demetrius Johnson with 13 points; and

WHEREAS, the Altavista Combined School boys' basketball team set a new Group A state tournament record for field goal percentage in a single game, shooting a remarkable 67.5 percent from the field; and

WHEREAS, the entire Altavista Combined School boys' basketball team worked hard throughout the season and demonstrated great talent and determination as it brought home the school's second state boys' basketball championship title; and

WHEREAS, the Altavista Combined School boys' basketball team's triumphant season was a tribute to the extraordinary skill and perseverance of the team members, the outstanding leadership of head coach Mike Cartolaro and his staff, and the incredible support of students, parents, school administration, and community fans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Altavista Combined School boys' basketball team on winning the Virginia High School League Group A, Division 1 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mike Cartolaro, head coach of the Altavista Combined School boys' basketball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the team's hard work and triumphant season.