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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 317

Offered February 13, 2014

*Commending the Liberty Christian Academy football team.*

Patrons—Garrett, Byron and Fariss; Senator: Newman

WHEREAS, at Collegiate School in Richmond on Saturday, November 16, 2013, the Liberty Christian Academy Bulldogs trounced the Collegiate High School Cougars 31 - 19 to win the 2013 Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association's Division I state championship title; and

WHEREAS, with the defeat of the Cougars, the Liberty Christian Academy Bulldogs made history for the school by winning the championship title for the third consecutive year, and quarterback Matt Lewis and wide receiver B. J. Farrow were named as two of the 10 finalists for the "Football Friday Player of the Year Award"; and

WHEREAS, at halftime, the Bulldogs trailed the Cougars 13 - 10; however, the Bulldogs rallied and the offense scored three touchdowns in the second half and the defense allowed only nine more points with three interceptions; and

WHEREAS, B. J. Farrow, a 6-foot-2-inch wide receiver, outran and outleaped defenders to catch seven passes for 179 yards and scored two touchdowns, helping teammate Matt Lewis to capture the victory for the Bulldogs; and

WHEREAS, aided by a lineup of power running formations in the second half of the game and more tight ends and fullbacks to clear the way, the Bulldogs' Matt Lewis threw for 327 yards and three touchdowns, and also ran for a score; and

WHEREAS, in the second half of the game, the Collegiate Cougars' offense found it difficult to get into a rhythm and the Bulldogs frequently blitzed quarterback Wilton Speight, who threw for only 152 yards and had four interceptions, making it almost impossible for him to find an open receiver; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Christian Academy Bulldogs worked diligently and with fierce determination throughout the season to claim the 2013 season championship title; and

WHEREAS, parents, students, teachers, coaches, and the community are immensely honored by and proud of the unparalleled achievement by the Liberty Christian Academy Bulldogs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Liberty Christian Academy Bulldogs on winning the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association's Division I state championship title for the third consecutive year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to head coach Frank Rocco of the Liberty Christian Academy Bulldogs as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on an outstanding football season.

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