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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 95

Offered January 15, 2014

*Commending the Giles High School football team.*

Patrons—Edwards; Delegate: Yost

WHEREAS, the Giles High School football team of Pearisburg capped off a tremendous 2013 season by winning the Virginia High School League Group 2A state title on December 14; and

WHEREAS, the exciting overtime victory for the undefeated Giles Spartans came after quarterback Dakota Shrader threw a touchdown pass in the final second of regular play to tie the game; and

WHEREAS, the Spartans faced a talented squad from Brunswick High School; each side displayed determination and grit throughout the game, which was held at Salem Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the 20 - 19 victory came during Giles coach Jeff Williams' first year as head coach; he is no stranger to hoisting a state trophy for the county, as he had been a player and an assistant coach during the school's previous championship seasons; and

WHEREAS, with this win, the Spartans now own four state championship trophies; the 2013 victory is due to the talent and discipline of the Giles football team, the dedication of Head Coach Jeff Williams and his staff, and the encouragement of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Pearisburg squad had a long road to victory in 2013; this was the first season to feature an expanded playoff schedule, which meant that the team had to win 15 games to claim the state title; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Giles High School football team for winning the 2013 Virginia High School League Group 2A championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jeff Williams, head coach of the Giles High School football team, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the team's perseverance and skill.

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