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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 512

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Commending the Dan River High School boys' basketball team.

Patrons—Marshall, D.W. and Adams

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2014, at the Siegel Center in Richmond, the Dan River High School boys' basketball team trounced the Bruton High School Panthers 84 - 58 to win the Virginia High School League Group 2A boys' state championship title; and

WHEREAS, although the Dan River Wildcats struggled during the first quarter to work the ball inside against a tough Bruton Panthers defense to gain domination of the game, scoring became easy and defense easier after Wildcats players Tremaine Edmunds and Curtis Stephens scored and gave the team a 5 - 2 lead; and

WHEREAS, Bruton, in an effort to recapture the lead, made two three-point shots to put the Panthers ahead; however, the Dan River Wildcats locked down its defense, intensified its offense, and refused to give up easy points to the Panthers; the Wildcats' Curtis Stephens hit a pair of clutch baskets to put Dan River up 14 - 11 with 1:25 left in the quarter, giving the team its second lead of the night, but the Wildcats sent the Panthers to the free-throw line for five free throws at the end of the quarter, allowing the Panthers to take a 17 - 14 lead at the end of the first quarter; and

WHEREAS, the Dan River Wildcats emerged in the second and third quarters with renewed energy, powered by Ethan Driskill, who put the Wildcats back into the game with consecutive points, including a pair of free throws after forcing the Bruton Panthers into its seventh foul of the night less than two minutes into the second quarter; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats' Ethan Driskill continued to pressure the Panthers by driving up the court to hit a three-pointer to put Dan River in the lead 23 - 17, and a minute later, Terrell Edmunds charged down the court and landed a thunderous dunk, giving the Wildcats a 25 - 17 lead with 4:50 left to play in the half; with 4:25 left on the clock, Dan River increased its lead to 10 points after a pair of free throws by Curtis Stephens; as the horn sounded to end the half, the Wildcats left the floor for the locker room with a 38 - 23 point lead over the Bruton Panthers; and

WHEREAS, the Dan River Wildcats dominated the scoreboard and continued to surge in the third quarter while simultaneously stifling the Panthers at nearly every opportunity, and by the middle of the third quarter, Dan River led by 23 points and was firmly in control of the game; in the fourth quarter, the Wildcats led 58 - 36, which gave them the advantage for the rest of the game, and the Bruton Panthers were unable to overcome the Wildcats' massive lead; and

WHEREAS, when the final horn sounded, the Dan River High School Wildcats had won the 2014 Virginia High School League Group 2A boys' basketball championship, the school's first-ever boys' basketball state title, by a score of 84 - 58, becoming the only undefeated boys' basketball team in the Virginia High School League and finishing the season 25 - 0; and

WHEREAS, through diligence, teamwork, and hard work, the Dan River High School Wildcats boys' basketball team has honored its school, coaches, parents, and community with the noteworthy achievement of winning the 2014 Virginia High School League Group 2A boys' basketball championship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Dan River High School boys' basketball team hereby be commended on winning the 2014 Virginia High School League Group 2A boys' basketball championship and completing the season undefeated; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kenneth Murphy, head coach of the Dan River High School boys' basketball team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations on the team's remarkable achievement and best wishes for continued success.

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