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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 379**

Offered February 29, 2016

*Commending the Christiansburg High School wrestling team.*

Patrons—Rush, Habeeb and Yost; Senator: Edwards

WHEREAS, the Christiansburg High School wrestling team proudly claimed its 15th consecutive state wrestling title by winning the 2015 - 2016 Virginia High School League Group 3A state wrestling championship on February 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the powerhouse team from Christiansburg High School won the state tournament at the Salem Civic Center with a score of 168.5 points, defeating a talented second-place team from Cave Spring High School by 20.5 points; and

WHEREAS, in the early rounds of the finals of the state tournament, the Blue Demons from Christiansburg High School could not be certain of their eventual victory; it was only when sophomore Nick Giantonio (152-pound weight class) garnered a 16 - 3 victory over his opponent that the team knew its winning streak would continue; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Keller, who competed in the 138-pound weight class, won his match for Christiansburg High School; the talented wrestler also took home his second consecutive individual state wrestling title after his 4 - 2 victory—having won in 2014 - 2015 in the 126-pound weight class; and

WHEREAS, two other wrestlers for Christiansburg High School, 160-pound Hunter Bolen and Creed Lump (170-pound weight class), won their state tournament matches, and in doing so, each also won his second straight individual state wrestling title; and

WHEREAS, the victory for the talented wrestlers from Christiansburg High School is a tribute to the discipline and hard work shown by all members of the team and the guidance and dedication of first-year wrestling coach Sonny Close; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, the Christiansburg High School wrestling team was greatly supported by their families, friends, and the school community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Christiansburg High School wrestling team for winning the 2015 - 2016 Virginia High School League Group 3A state wrestling championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sonny Close, head coach of the Christiansburg High School wrestling team, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the team's outstanding achievements and winning season.

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