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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1066

Offered February 20, 2017

Commending Robinson Secondary School wrestling team.

Patrons—Filler-Corn and Lopez; Senator: Marsden

WHEREAS, the Robinson Secondary School wrestling team won the Virginia High School League Group 6A North Region championship in February 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Robinson Secondary School Rams got points from 12 wrestlers, produced four individual champions, and won the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Group 6A North Region title meet with a total of 188.5 points, denying the runner-up team, Battlefield High School from Haymarket, a third consecutive regional championship; and

WHEREAS, the Robinson Rams wrestlers put in hard work and showed remarkable improvement over the course of the 2016 - 2017 season, and they were not going down without a fight in the VHSL Group 6A North Region championship; and

WHEREAS, the grapplers from Robinson Secondary School turned in gritty performances and passionately scraped for every point in the blood round; and

WHEREAS, Robinson Rams senior Will Merritt was impressive on the mat and used superior cardio to outlast three opponents in triple overtime, earning him a sixth-place finish in the 182-pound weight class; and

WHEREAS, Robinson Rams junior Andre Turets also battled through three triple-overtime matches in the consolation rounds, winning two of them and securing a sixth-place finish in the 195-pound weight class; and

WHEREAS, Robinson Rams junior Finn O'Dell, 132-pound weight class, finished fifth; and

WHEREAS, Robinson Rams senior Tyler Hazard, 145-pound weight class, finished second; and

WHEREAS, Robinson Rams senior Donnie Warter girded through several tight finishes to take a fifth-place finish in the 170-pound weight class; and

WHEREAS, Robinson Rams junior Nik Gerard won a 7 - 5 decision in the 120-pound weight class final, senior Sam Book got a second-period pin in the 126-pound weight class, and sophomore Thomas Mukai executed a late reversal to pin his opponent in the 220-pound weight class; and

WHEREAS, after winning the regional title, the talented Robinson Rams advanced 10 wrestlers to the VHSL Group 6A state championship, where they took second place overall, with junior Aaron Howell winning the individual state title in the 106-pound weight class and sophomore Thomas Mukai winning the 220-pound weight class title in dramatic fashion; and

WHEREAS, Robinson Rams wrestling team members Nik Gerard and Tyler Hazard brought home runner-up finishes at the state tournament in the 120-pound weight class and 145-pound weight class, respectively; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Robinson Rams wrestling team showed great discipline and character and contributed to the VHSL Group 6A North Region victory and outstanding performance in the state championship tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Robinson Rams wrestling team's success is due to the dedication of the coaching staff, led by head coach Bryan Hazard, and the enthusiastic support of the students, administration, and fans of Robinson Secondary School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Robinson Secondary School wrestling team on winning the Virginia High School League Group 6A North Region championship meet; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bryan Hazard, head coach of the Robinson Secondary School wrestling team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's grit and determination in their championship performance.

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