HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 281

Commending the New Kent Middle School football team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2017

WHEREAS, the New Kent Middle School football team won the Bay Rivers District championship on October 29, 2016, at Bailey Field in Yorktown; and

WHEREAS, the New Kent Middle School Lions' 20 - 8 victory over the undefeated Berkeley Middle School Bulldogs capped a memorable 7 - 1 season during which the Lions outscored their opponents 269 - 88; and

WHEREAS, the New Kent Lions brought home the district championship trophy for the first time in school history in 2016 and avenged the team's only loss by defeating the Berkeley Bulldogs in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, head coach Doug Smith and his coaching staff worked tirelessly to develop the skills of the players, teaching the members of the New Kent Middle School football team to be fierce competitors and to have humble hearts; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, the New Kent Lions demonstrated determination and achieved their goals through teamwork and the team succeeded with the support of the entire New Kent Middle School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the New Kent Middle School football team hereby be commended for winning the Bay Rivers District championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Doug Smith, head coach of the New Kent Middle School football team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's impressive championship season.