

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 361

*Commending the Freedom-South Riding High School girls' lacrosse team.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2019

WHEREAS, the Freedom-South Riding High School girls' lacrosse team won the Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom High School girls' lacrosse team defeated Atlee High School by a score of 9 - 8 to earn the state championship title and hand Atlee High School its first loss of the season, capping off an impressive 19 - 4 season; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom High School girls' lacrosse team was led by midfielder Emily Maier, who had five goals in the contest, and goalie Araya McNeal, who had 10 saves; and

WHEREAS, after 23 years of coaching and two previous appearances at the state finals, the victory marks the first state championship title for Richard DeSomma, coach of the Freedom High School girls' lacrosse team, whose defensive strategies for neutralizing Atlee High School's explosive offense were key to the win; and

WHEREAS, the state championship title was the result of the hard work of the student-athletes, the guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the support of the entire Freedom High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Freedom-South Riding High School girls' lacrosse team hereby be commended for winning the Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard DeSomma, coach of the Freedom-South Riding High School girls' lacrosse team as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's extraordinary achievement.

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