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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 127

Offered February 17, 2020

Commending the Staunton High School boys' soccer team.

Patrons—Hanger; Delegate: Avoli

WHEREAS, the Staunton High School boys' soccer team won the Virginia High School League Class 2 state championship at Radford University on June 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Staunton High School Storm defeated the George Mason High School Mustangs by a score of 2-0, earning the first state title in the boys' soccer program's history; and

WHEREAS, defeated by the George Mason Mustangs in the semifinal of the 2018 Virginia High School League (VHSL) Class 2 state tournament, the Staunton Storm were determined to get redemption this season; and

WHEREAS, after another crushing loss to the George Mason Mustangs in the VHSL Region 2B final earlier in the year, the Staunton Storm made the necessary adjustments to win big when it mattered most; and

WHEREAS, battling through a steady downpour all match, the Staunton Storm scored their first goal on an off-balance kick from Marcos Sasia; later, in the waning moments of the match, a penalty kick from Kyle Stenzel sealed the team's historic win; and

WHEREAS, a steely defensive performance led by Luke Gaines, Cooper Yurish, Quinn Anderson, Isaiah Knopp, and Jimmy Kivlighan held the George Mason Mustangs' potent offense at bay all match; and

WHEREAS, the Staunton Storm's victory was a total team effort, made all the more impressive by the fact that the match marked the last time the George Mason Mustangs will play in VHSL Class 2, as the perennial powerhouse is moving into the league's Class 3 division in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Staunton High School assumed its new name on July 1, 2019, after formerly being Robert E. Lee High School; with its win less than a month before the official change, the Staunton High School boys' soccer team recorded the last state championship title in Robert E. Lee High School history; and

WHEREAS, the team's success is the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the unflagging support of the entire Staunton High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Staunton High School boys' soccer team for winning the 2019 Virginia High School League Class 2 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Homes Tehrani, head coach of the Staunton High School boys' soccer team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement and best wishes for the future.

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