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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 224

Offered February 15, 2022

Commending the First Colonial High School girls' soccer team.

Patrons—Tata; Senators: Cosgrove and DeSteph

WHEREAS, the First Colonial High School girls' soccer team of Virginia Beach won the Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship on June 23, 2021, at their home field; and

WHEREAS, the First Colonial High School Patriots defeated the Briar Woods High School Falcons of Ashburn in an overtime penalty shootout by the score of 3-2, bringing home the program's second state title since 2018; and

WHEREAS, despite facing a 3-1 deficit, the First Colonial Patriots rallied from behind and pushed the match to overtime when Karleigh Minson scored the equalizer in the final two minutes of play; and

WHEREAS, after both teams went scoreless through the periods of extra time, the First Colonial Patriots won the match on penalty kicks, with Sydney Miller providing the game-winning goal in dramatic, heart-stopping fashion; and

WHEREAS, the First Colonial Patriots' victory was a total team effort, led by Karleigh Minson, who had two goals in regulation; Sydney Miller, who had one goal in regulation; and Allison Karpovich, whose stellar play in goal kept her team in the game; and

WHEREAS, the success of the First Colonial Patriots is the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the unwavering support of the entire First Colonial High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the First Colonial High School girls' soccer team for winning the 2021 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 Joe Tucei, head coach of the First Colonial High School girls' soccer team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement.

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