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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 145

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Commending the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University men's track and field team.

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WHEREAS, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University men's track and field team won the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship on February 26, 2022, at the Virginia Tech Rector Field House in Blacksburg; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) men's track and field team finished first in team standings with 105 points, marking the seventh time that a single university has won both men's and women's Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) championships in the same year; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech men's track and field senior Coleton Beck was named Most Valuable Performer in the men's track category after placing first in the men's 200 meter category with a time of 20.95 seconds, winning his second ACC track title of his career, and placing third in the men's 60 meter dash; and

WHEREAS, Dave Cianelli, head coach of the Virginia Tech men's track and field team, has earned seven men's indoor track and field ACC Championships, all of which have come since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the championship marked a triumphant end to a historic season for the Virginia Tech Hokies, with Cole Beck, Chauncey Chambers, Ben Fleming, Patrick Forrest, Christian Jackson, Antonio Lopez Segura, Conner McClure, Alexios Prodanas, and Jake Spotswood earning First Team All-ACC honors; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Virginia Tech men's track and field team is the result of the challenging work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and professors, and the unwavering support of the entire Virginia Tech community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University men's track and field team hereby be commended for winning the 2022 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Dave Cianelli, head coach of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University men's track and field team, and Whit Babcock, Virginia Tech athletic director, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's representation of Virginia Tech and the Commonwealth during the 2021-2022 track and field season.