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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 183

Offered March 2, 2022

Commending the Virginia Cardinals Rugby Football Club.

Patrons—Petersen, Barker, Bell, Boysko, Chase, Deeds, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hackworth, Hanger, Hashmi, Howell, Kiggans, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McDougle, McPike, Morrissey, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Pillion, Reeves, Ruff, Saslaw, Spruill, Stanley, Stuart, Suetterlein, Surovell and Vogel

WHEREAS, the Virginia Cardinals Rugby Football Club won the National Old Boys Rugby Championship at Wagner Park in Aspen, Colorado, on September 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the National Old Boys Rugby Championship was held as part of the 53rd annual Ruggerfest, which brings rugby clubs of various ages from around the nation together each year for spirited and friendly competition; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Cardinals faced off against other clubs with players ages 50 and up in a four-day tournament that culminated with the National Old Boys Rugby Championship match; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Cardinals have won at Ruggerfest many times over the past 20 years and were the reigning champions in the 50 and over division going into this year's tournament, having won the most recent championship in 2019 before the 2020 event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, along with their victory, the Virginia Cardinals celebrated the life of the late John Alexander Carr over the weekend, a founder of the club and longtime promoter of rugby in both the Commonwealth and at James Madison University, who died in May 2021; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Virginia Cardinals is the result of the hard work and dedication of its veteran athletes and the unwavering support of the entire Virginia Cardinals community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Cardinals Rugby Football Club for winning the 2021 National Old Boys Rugby Championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Cardinals Rugby Football Club as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievements.

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