SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 221

Commending the Longwood University men's and women's basketball teams.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2022 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 10, 2022

WHEREAS, the Longwood University men's and women's basketball teams each won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Big South Conference Championship on March 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Longwood University men's and women's basketball teams had their best regular seasons in their Division I histories - both winning more than 20 games for the first time, both winning the Big South Conference regular season championship for the first time, and both winning the Big South Tournament on the same day to advance to the Men's and Women's NCAA Division I Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Tillett, head coach of the Longwood University women's basketball team and Griff Aldrich, head coach of the Longwood University men's basketball team are native Virginians and graduates of Virginia institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, both programs adhere to Longwood University's mission of building citizen-leaders, and consider character development central to the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, the student-athletes in both programs have excelled in the classroom, through community service, and have served as role models in their community; and

WHEREAS, Longwood University is a proud Virginia public university, the third-oldest in the Commonwealth and a source of pride for many thousands of Virginians who are alumni, students, parents, supporters and the Southside Virginia community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Longwood University men's and women's basketball teams hereby be commended for winning the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic Association Big South Conference Championship; advancing to, and representing the Commonwealth in the NCAA Tournament; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rebecca Tillett, head coach of the Longwood University women's basketball team, Griff Aldrich, head coach of the Longwood University men's basketball team, and W. Taylor Reveley IV, President of Longwood University on behalf of Longwood University, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the teams' spectacular seasons and best wishes for continued success.