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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 632

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Commending the Washington and Lee High School boys' basketball team.

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WHEREAS, the Washington and Lee High School boys' basketball team of Montross won the Virginia High School League Class 1 state semifinal in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Washington and Lee High School Eagles started the 2021-2022 season with only two returning varsity players after the previous season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, the Washington and Lee Eagles were guided by their motto "I Got My Piece," highlighting the importance of every player's contributions to the team as a whole through their unique skills and experiences; and

WHEREAS, the Washington and Lee Eagles built up their confidence by facing several tough, non-district opponents, including teams from King George High School, Massaponax High School, and Woodbridge High School, and finished the regular season second in the Northern Neck district with a 7-3 district record; and

WHEREAS, in the postseason, the Washington and Lee Eagles defeated their district rivals the Lancaster High School Red Devils by a score of 59-57 in a thrilling upset victory; and

WHEREAS, the Washington and Lee Eagles trailed for most of the game, only taking their first lead with 2:42 to play, but the team's determination and perseverance paid off with a winning layup in the final seconds of the match; and

WHEREAS, with the state semifinal win, the Washington and Lee Eagles avenged three previous losses to the Lancaster Red Devils throughout the season, including one in the Region 1A championship final; and

WHEREAS, the Washington and Lee Eagles were honored to represent the Northern Neck in the state championship, making their first appearance in the final since 1998, and ultimately finished the season with a 15-8 overall record; and

WHEREAS, the successful season is a tribute to the skill and hard work of all the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of coaches and staff, and the unwavering support of the entire Washington and Lee High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Washington and Lee High School boys' basketball team hereby be commended on winning the Virginia High School League Class 1 state semifinal and finishing the season as the Class 1 state runner-up in 2022; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Martin Astrop, Athletic Director of Washington and Lee High School, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's achievements.