HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 736

Commending Intermont Equestrian at Emory & Henry College.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 17, 2022

WHEREAS, in 2022, Intermont Equestrian at Emory & Henry College claimed a national title, with a victory in the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association Collegiate Cup; and

WHÉREAS, as the past two postseasons had been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Emory & Henry College Wasps were still defending their championship title from 2019; the team used its time wisely, with members honing their skills in horse care and proper technique to become well-rounded equestrians; and

WHEREAS, the Emory & Henry Wasps finished the multi-day championship event, held at Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg, with 49 points, three more than the runners up from Miami University; and

WHEREAS, the Emory & Henry Wasps kicked off the first day with top-four finishes from Emilie Fink, Kendall Madison, and Makalyn Williams, and the team's other riders—Madelyn Lowe, Abby McCoy, Laney Stogdale, Maddie Whitley, and Hayden Wilkes—put up strong performances as the tournament progressed; and

WHEREAS, the national championship title is the second for Intermont Equestrian at Emory & Henry College and the fifth overall for the program, which was located at Virginia Intermont College until the institution closed in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the victorious season is a tribute to the skill and hard work of the riders, the dedication of the other team members, the leadership of coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of the entire Emory & Henry College community; now, therefore, be it

RÉSOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Intermont Equestrian at Emory & Henry College hereby be commended on winning the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association Collegiate Cup; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Heather Richardson, head coach of Intermont Equestrian at Emory & Henry College, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's achievements and best wishes for the future.