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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 562

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Commending the Brunswick Academy varsity football team.

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WHEREAS, the Brunswick Academy varsity football team won the Virginia Independent Schools Division II state championship on November 12, 2022, at the Dinwiddie Sports Complex in Sutherland; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick Academy Vikings defeated the Blessed Sacrament-Huguenot Knights by a score of 35-20 to bring home the eight-man football program's first state title and the fourth state title in school history, while also capping an impressive 11-1 season; and

WHEREAS, leading their opponent 21-14 in the waning minutes of the third quarter, the Brunswick Vikings posted two consecutive touchdowns in the fourth quarter to seal the win; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick Vikings' victory was a total team effort, led by standout performances from DeMarion Whitfield-Smith, who notched 185 yards and two touchdowns on 19 rushes, and Jerry Powell, Jr., who tallied 149 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick Vikings were also carried by its strong offensive and defensive lines and by the reliable touch of kicker Carter Early, who was perfect on points after touchdown attempts in the game; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Brunswick Vikings is the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the unwavering support of their parents and the entire Brunswick Academy community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Brunswick Academy varsity football team for winning the 2022 Virginia Independent Schools Division II state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bubba Weidman, head coach of the Brunswick Academy varsity football team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement.

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