

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 432

*Commending Cole Jennings Christiansen.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, Cole Jennings Christiansen, a Suffolk native, helped the Kansas City Chiefs of the National Football League win Super Bowl LVII on February 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Cole Christiansen graduated from Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, where he was the vice president of the school honor council and a standout member of the football team; he served as team captain for years and helped lead the team to a Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) state championship in 2015; and

WHEREAS, during his high school career, Cole Christiansen was a two-time VISAA Defensive Player of the Year, a two-time Tidewater Conference Defensive Player of the Year, and a three-time All State and All Conference team selection; he received the VISAA Most Valuable Player award and set a league record as the all-time tackle leader with 436 career stops; and

WHEREAS, Cole Christiansen attended the United States Military Academy, where he spent four years on the active roster of the football team and was team captain in 2018 and 2019; he was also an All-Independent first team selection in 2018 and 2019 and a finalist for the Lott IMPACT (Integrity, Maturity, Performance, Academics, Community, and Tenacity) Trophy; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Cole Christiansen signed as an undrafted free agent with the Los Angeles Chargers of the National Football League; he was on the active roster for four games during the 2020 season and three games in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Cole Christiansen joined the Kansas City Chiefs as a member of the practice squad in September 2022 and was promoted to the active roster as a linebacker the following month; he recorded his first tackle with the team on October 16, 2022, against the Buffalo Bills; and

WHEREAS, in Super Bowl LVII, Cole Christiansen and the Kansas City Chiefs defeated the Philadelphia Eagles by a score of 38-35; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Cole Jennings Christiansen hereby be commended on winning Super Bowl LVII with the Kansas City Chiefs; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cole Jennings Christiansen as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his athletic achievements and best wishes for the future.

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