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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 262

Offered January 13, 2023

*Commending the Freedom High School football team.*

Patrons—McPike; Delegate: Mundon King

WHEREAS, capping off an undefeated season, the Freedom High School football team of Woodbridge secured the school's first ever state title with a victory in the Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom High School Eagles defeated the James Madison High School Warhawks by a score of 48-14 to take the state crown, becoming the first Prince William County school to win a state football final in more than a decade and the first Prince William County football team to finish undefeated since 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom Eagles dominated the game from the start, scoring on their first three possessions to build an insurmountable lead; and

WHEREAS, sophomore running back Jeffrey Overton, Jr., racked up 212 yards and three touchdowns on 23 carries for the Freedom Eagles; he finished the season with an incredible 2,599 total rushing yards, the most in school history; and

WHEREAS, junior quarterback Tristan Evans completed 14 of 20 passing attempts for 155 yards and two touchdowns and finished the season as the state record holder for the most touchdown passes in a single season with 61 touchdowns; he was also named 2022 MaxPreps Virginia High School Football Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom Eagles' defense and special teams consistently scored on returns and turnovers throughout the season, first-year starter Isaiah Harper added another score in the state final when he returned an interception 68 yards for a touchdown; and

WHEREAS, the state championship victory was the crowning moment of a perfect 15-0 season in which the Freedom Eagles set a state single-season record for total points with 952; and

WHEREAS, the record-breaking season is a tribute to the skill and resilience of all the student-athletes, the leadership and dedication of the coaches and staff, and the passionate support of the entire Freedom High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Freedom High School football team of Woodbridge on winning the Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Darryl Overton, head coach of the Freedom High School football team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievements and best wishes for the future.

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