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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 398

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending the Walsingham Academy boys' soccer team.

Patrons—Mason and Norment; Delegates: Batten and Mullin

WHEREAS, the Walsingham Academy boys' soccer team earned the first state title in program history by winning the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association Division III state championship in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Walsingham Academy Trojans entered the state tournament as the number one seed and faced the second-seeded team from Wakefield School in the state final, winning by a score of 3-2; and

WHEREAS, the Wakefield School Fighting Owls scored early in the second half to take a 1-0 lead, but Ethan Hayes, senior captain of the Walsingham Trojans, responded quickly to bring the game back level; and

WHEREAS, with 20 minutes remaining, senior Keith Cardenas was fouled in the box, and Ethan Hayes added another goal from the penalty spot; junior Will Patterson scored what would be the game-winning goal off a key assist from Danny Vantran with five minutes remaining; and

WHEREAS, Ethan Hayes was selected as the Division III Player of the Year for his outstanding performance; he also earned All-State honors, along with Cooper Bailey, Keith Cardenas, and Will Patterson; and

WHEREAS, head coach Brendan Cook was selected as the Division III Coach of the Year for his exceptional leadership of the Walsingham Trojans; and

WHEREAS, the victorious season is a tribute to the determination and hard work of all the student-athletes, the dedication and guidance of the coaches and staff, and the passionate support of the entire Walsingham Academy community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Walsingham Academy boys' soccer team on winning the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association Division III state championship in 2022; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brendan Cook, head coach of the Walsingham Academy boys' soccer team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievements.

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