SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 399

Commending the Walsingham Academy boys' cross country team.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2023 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2023

WHEREAS, the Walsingham Academy boys' cross country team secured the first state title in program history with a victory in the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association Division III state championship in November 2022; and

WHEREAS, Walsingham Academy scored 47 points in the state final, beating the runner-up team from Veritas School by 35 points; and

WHEREAS, Walsingham Academy's Jake Falcone and Brody Cox finished in fourth and fifth place, respectively, and led the team with times of 17:29.2 and 17:34.7; both runners received All-State honors; and

WHEREAS, four other Walsingham Academy runners were selected for the All-State team, Parker Shonka, who finished 10th; Nick Primich, who finished 11th; Andrew Robinson, who finished 17th; and Brendan Bouchard, who finished 19th; and

WHEREAS, the successful season is a tribute to the hard work and determination of all the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of 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' cross country 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 Rich Higgins, head coach of the Walsingham Academy boys' cross country team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievements.