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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 442

Offered January 16, 1995

Commending the Powell Valley High School football team.

Patrons—Kilgore; Senator: Wampler

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1994, the Vikings football team from Powell Valley High School captured the Virginia High School League Group A, Division 2 state championship with a convincing 33-12 victory over previously unbeaten Sussex Central High School; and

WHEREAS, the Vikings' 1994 championship was the fifth state title for Powell Valley High School, in Big Stone Gap, and gave the Lonesome Pine District a sweep of Group A state football championships; and

WHEREAS, led by record-setting tailback Thomas Jones, who scored four touchdowns and rushed for 215 yards in the title game, the Vikings controlled the game from the start and won with a dominant ground attack and a stout, hard-hitting defense; and

WHEREAS, the Vikings, after beginning the 1994 season with two losses in three games, came on strong to win the Lonesome Pine District championship and the state title; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Phil Robbins, the Division 2 Coach of the Year, led the Powell Valley Vikings to a 12-2 record and a well-earned state championship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly salute the 1994 Vikings for continuing the rich football tradition at Powell Valley High School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Head Coach Phil Robbins in honor of the championship performance of the Powell Valley High School football team.