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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 687

Offered January 20, 1997

*Commending the Virginia Tech football team.*

Patrons—Cranwell, Abbitt, Albo, Armstrong, Baker, Barlow, Behm, Bennett, Bloxom, Brickley, Bryant, Callahan, Cantor, Clement, Connally, Cooper, Councill, Cox, Croshaw, Crouch, Cunningham, Darner, Davies, Deeds, Dickinson, Dillard, Drake, Dudley, Forbes, Grayson, Griffith, Guest, Hamilton, Hargrove, Heilig, Howell, Hull, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, D.C., Katzen, Keating, Kilgore, Landes, Lovelace, Marshall, May, McClure, McDonnell, Melvin, Mims, Moore, Moran, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Nelms, Nixon, O'Brien, Orrock, Parrish, Phillips, Puller, Purkey, Putney, Reid, Rhodes, Robinson, Rollison, Ruff, Rust, Sherwood, Shuler, Stump, Tata, Tate, Thomas, Van Landingham, Van Yahres, Wagner, Wardrup, Watkins, Watts, Way, Weatherholtz, Wilkins and Woodrum; Senators: Barry, Bolling, Colgan, Edwards, Gartlan, Hanger, Hawkins, Holland, Houck, Howell, Martin, Marye, Maxwell, Miller, Y.B., Norment, Quayle, Reasor, Reynolds, Schrock, Stolle, Stosch, Ticer, Trumbo, Waddell, Wampler, Whipple, Williams and Woods

WHEREAS, the members of the 1996 Virginia Tech football team faced a formidable challenge: to equal the success of their 1995 predecessors, who were victorious over the University of Texas in the Sugar Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 Hokies were up to the challenge, finishing the regular season with a record of 10-1, defeating their arch-rivals from the University of Virginia in the season-ending game, and winning a trip to the prestigious Orange Bowl to play the perennial power and defending national champions from the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, now among the elite of college football, Head Coach Frank Beamer's Hokies have completed four consecutive seasons with trips to bowl games and have managed the difficult feat of improving in each of those four seasons; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the Hokies won their second straight Big East title, convincingly beating nationally ranked West Virginia University and the University of Miami to do so, and the team has won 20 of its last 21 games; and

WHEREAS, 1996 marked the arrival of Virginia Tech on the national football scene, as the Hokies won a coveted spot in one of the "Alliance" bowl games, earned the respect of many observers of college football, and finished the season ranked among the top 10 college football teams in the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Tech football team on its superlative 1996 season; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Head Coach Frank Beamer as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the extraordinary success of the Virginia Tech football team.

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