

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA -- 1998 SESSION

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 450

*Commending the Great Bridge High School wrestling team.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 13, 1998

Agreed to by the Senate, March 14, 1998

WHEREAS, the Great Bridge High School wrestling team captured the 1998 Virginia High School Group AAA state wrestling championship; and

WHEREAS, for the 10th time in the past 12 years, the Great Bridge wrestlers returned to Chesapeake with the state title; and

WHEREAS, Great Bridge was led by individual state champions Nate Parker (125 pounds), Andy Putman (135 pounds), and Stacy Woodhouse (152 pounds) and by state runners-up Bruce Fowler (130 pounds), Derek Lipoli (160 pounds), and Eric Leonard (189 pounds); and

WHEREAS, the Great Bridge High School wrestling team used its talent and superior depth to outdistance the second-place team from Stonewall Jackson High School by more than 100 points; and

WHEREAS, the Great Bridge High School wrestlers, under the expert tutelage of Head Coach Steve Martin and Assistant Coach Chris Smith, finished the season with a perfect 21-0 record and a third-place national ranking; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional performance of the 1997-98 Great Bridge wrestling team is a tribute to the skill, hard work, and perseverance of the wrestlers, the inspired leadership of the coaches, and the support of the Chesapeake community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Great Bridge High School wrestling team on its well-earned state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Head Coach Steve Martin in honor of the consistent excellence of the Great Bridge High School wrestling team.

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