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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 795

Offered February 18, 2025

Commending the Phoebus High School football team.

Patron—Ward

WHEREAS, the Phoebus High School football team of Hampton earned its fourth-consecutive state title with a victory in the Virginia High School League Class 4 state championship on December 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Phoebus High School Phantoms defeated the Varina High School Blue Devils by a score of 23–6 in the state final, which was held at Liberty University; and

WHEREAS, after an early field goal, the Phoebus Phantoms added a 54-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Maurikus Banks to Romeir Smith in the second quarter and a 13-yard touchdown run by Banks in the fourth quarter; and

WHEREAS, the Phoebus Phantoms' defense was characteristically strong, holding the Varina Blue Devils to a mere 168 yards on offense and recovering a fumble for another touchdown; and

WHEREAS, the Phoebus Phantoms played disciplined football, committing only three penalties compared to 13 for the Varina Blue Devils; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 season was the Phoebus Phantoms' second consecutive undefeated season and the state title was the 11th overall in school history, the second-most in the Virginia High School League record book; and

WHEREAS, the Class of 2025 also became the second in school history to win four consecutive state championships, and Phoebus High School became the first school in the Commonwealth to win in three different classifications over the course of its history; and

WHEREAS, the successful season was a tribute to the skill and hard work of all the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of coaches and staff, and the passionate support of the entire Phoebus High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Phoebus High School football team hereby be commended on winning the Virginia High School League Class 4 state championship in 2024; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jeremy Blunt, head coach of the Phoebus High School football team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's historic achievements.