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1 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11**

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4 *Commending the Halifax South Boston Dixie Darlings softball team.*

5 Patron—Wright

6 WHEREAS, the Halifax South Boston Dixie Darlings softball team made history as the first team from
7 the Commonwealth to win the Dixie Softball Darlings World Series on July 29, 2025; and8 WHEREAS, the Halifax South Boston Dixie Darlings began their season in March 2025 and clinched the
9 District 7 championship and the state championship to advance to the Dixie Softball World Series, which
10 celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2025; and11 WHEREAS, the Halifax South Boston Dixie Darlings were the only team representing the
12 Commonwealth in their age group at the Dixie Softball World Series and won five straight games in the
13 double-elimination style tournament; and14 WHEREAS, the Halifax South Boston Dixie Darlings defeated teams from North Carolina by a score of
15 11–10, Alabama by a score of 9–6, Ruston, Louisiana, by a score of 12–10, and Caldwell, Louisiana, by a
16 score of 14–12; and17 WHEREAS, in the championship final, the Halifax South Boston Dixie Darlings again faced the team
18 from Ruston, Louisiana, and dominated the game to win 15–2 and claim the World Series title; and19 WHEREAS, upon returning home to the Commonwealth, the Halifax South Boston Dixie Darlings were
20 honored with a championship parade in South Boston; and21 WHEREAS, the successful season was a tribute to the hard work of all the athletes—Santana Barnett,
22 Rylee Clark, Avery Clements, Sadie Clements, Maisey Crews, Ni'Arie Davis, Kaylynn Foushee, Olivia
23 Gilliam, Bellamy McDowell, Mary Nel Roller, Birdie Wilkins, and Ava Worley—the leadership of head
24 coach Shane Foushee and assistant coaches Will Worley, Sam Gilliam, and Amanda McDowell, as well as
25 the support of the Halifax County and South Boston communities; now, therefore, be it26 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
27 commend the Halifax South Boston Dixie Darlings softball team on winning the Dixie Softball Darlings
28 World Series in 2025; and, be it29 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
30 presentation to the Halifax South Boston Dixie Darlings softball team as an expression of the General
31 Assembly's admiration for their achievements and best wishes for the future.

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