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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 239

Offered February 17, 2022

Commending the Christopher Newport University women's soccer team.

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WHEREAS, the Christopher Newport University women's soccer team won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III national championship at the UNC-Greensboro Soccer Stadium on December 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Christopher Newport University (CNU) Captains defeated The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) Lions 2-0, earning the program's first-ever National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament title; and

WHEREAS, the CNU Captains finished their season undefeated with their win over the top-ranked TCNJ Lions, who had also entered the match undefeated; and

WHEREAS, the CNU Captains' fifth-year senior Riley Cook brought her career to a close with one of the most impressive NCAA tournament performances ever as she scored seven of her team's nine goals in the postseason, including one in the championship match; and

WHEREAS, another standout performance for the CNU Captains came from junior center back, Jill McDonald, who was honored as the Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the NCAA tournament; and

WHEREAS, the CNU Captains' championship run was supported by stellar defense across the board, with the unit allowing only one goal the entire NCAA tournament; and

WHEREAS, the CNU Captains were proudly represented by Riley Cook, Ellie Cox, Haley Eiser, Jill McDonald, and Emily Talotta on the NCAA tournament's 2021 All-Championship Team; and

WHEREAS, the CNU Captains' championship title was a holistic effort, with every member of the team working hard to contribute to this accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, the achievements of the CNU Captains would not have been possible without the dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of head coach Jamie Gunderson and assistant coach Sean Killion, and the unwavering support of the entire CNU community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Christopher Newport University women's soccer team for winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III national championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jamie Gunderson, head coach of the Christopher Newport University women's soccer team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's historic victory.

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