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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

Offered January 13, 2022

*Commending the Oscar F. Smith High School football team.*

Patrons—Spruill, Bell, Boysko, Cosgrove, Deeds, Howell, Lucas, Peake and Surovell

WHEREAS, the Oscar F. Smith High School football team of Chesapeake won the Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship on December 11, 2021, at Old Dominion University's S.B. Ballard Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Oscar F. Smith High School Tigers defeated the James Madison High School Warhawks of Vienna by a score of 42-17, capturing back-to-back state titles and earning the unique distinction of having won two state titles in the same year; and

WHEREAS, the Oscar F. Smith Tigers were lifted by stellar defense, which left the James Madison Warhawks scoreless in the fourth quarter, and a gutsy performance from Kevon King, who rushed for 290 yards and three touchdowns despite dislocating his finger on his team's first drive of the game; and

WHEREAS, the Oscar F. Smith Tigers' victory capped an impressive 13-1 season in which the team built off its momentum from the May 2021 state title to post commanding wins week after week; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Oscar F. Smith Tigers is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the unwavering support of the entire Oscar F. Smith High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Oscar F. Smith High School football team for winning the Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chris Scott, head coach of the Oscar F. Smith High School football team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement.

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