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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 238**

Offered January 30, 2014

Commending the Wilson Memorial High School baseball team.

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WHEREAS, on June 9, 2013, at the Radford University Baseball Stadium, the Wilson Memorial High School Hornets baseball team defeated the Glenvar Highlanders to win the Virginia High School League Group A, Division II baseball championship title, the school's fourth state championship and its first since 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson Memorial High School Hornets baseball team quickly assumed a 4 - 0 lead in the first three innings with senior Brandon Poole's remarkable pitching; sophomore Justin Leary took to the mound, pitched the remaining four innings, and allowed no earned runs as a couple of defensive lapses allowed the Glenvar Highlanders to score, keeping suspense in the game; and

WHEREAS, the 12-hit assault led by Hornet sophomore Daniel Poole, who scored three hits, and clutch run-producing hits contributed by Brandon Gochenour, Thomas Goins, and Brandon Poole ensured the Hornets' win over the Glenvar Highlanders 6 - 4 to cap a successful 19 - 5 season; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson Memorial High School Hornets baseball team persevered through several hardships and were missing key players on the diamond for the championship game; however, the team members battled adversity, played hard, and remained focused and resilient; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson Memorial High School Hornets baseball team prevailed over difficulties and won the state baseball championship title for the first time in 23 years, and for the students, school, and community, the sweet success of the team's accomplishment will be the memory of a lifetime; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Wilson Memorial High School Hornets baseball team on capturing the Virginia High School League Group A, Division II baseball championship title, the school's fourth state championship and its first since 1990; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rodney Cullen, head coach of the Wilson Memorial High School Hornets baseball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on the team's outstanding achievement and best wishes for future success.