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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 801

Offered January 20, 2017

Commending the Nansemond River High School baseball team.

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WHEREAS, the Nansemond River High School baseball team secured its first state title, winning the Virginia High School League Group 5A state championship on June 11, 2016, at Robinson Secondary School; and

WHEREAS, the Nansemond River High School Warriors ended the season on a 13-game winning streak to finish with a 21 - 7 record and defeated the Mountain View High School Wildcats 5 - 3 in the team's first state final appearance since 1996; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, the Nansemond River Warriors relied on solid pitching and a group effort at the plate, and the state championship was no exception; nine players finished with hits and pitchers Gage Williams and Matt Holt retired several batters; and

WHEREAS, the Nansemond River Warriors broke a 3 - 3 tie in the sixth inning and never looked back, with the winning run by Nick Lees coming off an RBI double by Chris Henderson, who later stole third base and raced to home plate for another run; and

WHEREAS, the Nansemond River Warriors' successful season is a tribute to the skill and determination of all of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of the coaches and staff, and the energetic support of the entire Nansemond River High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Nansemond River High School baseball team on winning the Virginia High School League Group 5A state championship in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mark Stuffel, head coach of the Nansemond River High School baseball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's athletic achievements and best wishes for the future.