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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 802

Offered January 20, 2017

*Commending the Hanover High School baseball team.*

Patrons—Fowler and Peace; Senator: McDougale

WHEREAS, the Hanover High School baseball team claimed the Virginia High School League Group 4A state championship in 2016, winning their third title in four years and capping an amazing 23 - 1 season during which they never lost a game in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover High School Hawks defeated the Liberty Christian Academy Bulldogs 13 - 12 in a thrilling game that lasted four hours and 24 minutes and featured 14 runs scored in the sixth inning; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover Hawks took a 7 - 1 lead after five innings but then gave up eight runs in the top of the sixth inning, allowing the Liberty Christian Bulldogs to take a 9 - 7 lead; and

WHEREAS, in the bottom of the sixth inning, the Hanover High School Hawks went on an electrifying six-run rally to retake the lead at 13 - 9; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Christian Bulldogs scored three runs in the seventh inning and had a tying run on base, but Hanover High School pitcher Tyler Morgan bore down and got the final strikeout to seal the championship victory; and

WHEREAS, senior pitcher Tyler Morgan was the fourth Hanover High School hurler to get the call in the game and he had pitched only a handful of innings in the 2016 season after missing his junior season due to undergoing arm surgery; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover Hawks never lost their composure and showed no signs of getting demoralized as the game got closer, demonstrating that their mental preparation was just as strong as their physical preparation in the 2016 season; and

WHEREAS, several members of the Hanover High School baseball team were awarded Virginia High School League (VHSL) Group 4A First Team All-State honors in 2016: pitcher Hayden Moore, first baseman John Gregory, shortstop Cayman Richardson, and designated hitter Grey Lytle, who was also named Group 4A Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Hanover High School baseball team worked hard and contributed to the championship victory and tremendous 2016 season and the team was further energized by the love and support of their fans and the entire Hanover High School community; and

WHEREAS, Hanover High School baseball team coach Charlie Dragum, the 2016 VHSL Group 4A Coach of the Year, showed leadership throughout the season in developing the team and instilling in them the value of hard work and good sportsmanship, both on the field and off; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Hanover High School baseball team on an outstanding 23 - 1 season and winning their third Virginia High School League Group 4A state championship in four years; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Charlie Dragum, coach of the Hanover High School baseball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's thrilling state championship victory and phenomenal 2016 season.

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