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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 827

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Commending the Northwood High School girls' basketball team.

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WHEREAS, the undefeated Northwood High School girls' basketball team of Saltville won the program's first ever state championship, claiming the Virginia High School League Group 1A title in March 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Northwood Panthers capped off a perfect 29 - 0 season with a 57 - 52 victory over the Appomattox Regional Governor's School Dragons at the state final in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the Northwood High School girls' basketball team included five senior starters—Alex Doane, Kelsey Puckett, A. J. Spence, and Peyton Williams, as well as Tayler Broyles, who led the team with 18 points; and

WHEREAS, the Northwood Panthers were ably led by head coach Tammy Gillespie, who was named Coach of the Year by the Virginia High School Coaches Association; she retired as coach at the end of the season after 13 years and more than 200 career wins; and

WHEREAS, the Northwood Panthers' exceptional season is a testament to the skill and hard work of all the student-athletes, the leadership of the coaches and staff, and the passionate support of the entire Northwood High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Northwood High School girls' basketball team on winning the Virginia High School League Group 1A 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 the Northwood High School girls' basketball team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's outstanding achievements.

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