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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 208

Offered February 5, 2018

Commending the Highland Springs High School football team.

Patrons—Bagby and McQuinn; Senator: McClellan

WHEREAS, the Highland Springs High School football team of Henrico County won the Virginia High School League Class 5A state championship game on December 10, 2017, at Hampton University, securing its third straight state title; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Springs High School Springers' three-peat in the state championship marked the end to a superb season in which the team went 14 - 1 and regularly rolled over its opponents with a potent defense and a high-powered running and passing game; and

WHEREAS, in the state final game, the Highland Springs Springers defeated the Tuscarora High School Huskies 40 - 27 to win the championship; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Springs Springers stormed out of the gate in the title game, scoring on their first drive with a 32-yard touchdown pass from quarterback D'Vonte Waller to receiver Billy Kemp; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Springs Springers pressed their advantage during the first half, recording two more touchdown passes on top of rushing scores from Dre'Shaun Taylor and Rayquan Smith; by the end of the second quarter, they held a commanding 33 - 6 lead; and

WHEREAS, while the Tuscarora Huskies rallied to score 21 points in the second half, the Highland Springs Springers kept their composure; after Rayquan Smith extended their lead with a 47-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter, the Springers held on to claim the championship; and

WHEREAS, in winning the title, the Highland Springs Springers extended their three-year record to a remarkable 42 - 3 and became one of only eight schools in Virginia High School League history to triumph in three straight state championship games; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Springs High School football team's state title win is a testament to the skill and dedication of its talented student-athletes, the excellent guidance of its coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of family members, friends, and the entire Highland Springs High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Highland Springs High School football team on winning the 2017 Virginia High School League Class 5A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Loren Johnson, head coach of the Highland Springs High School football team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's spectacular season and best wishes for continued success.

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