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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 218

Offered February 6, 2018

Commending Henderson Motorsports.

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 Patrons-O'Quinn, Morefield and Pillion; Senators: Carrico, Chafin and Stanley

WHEREAS, Henderson Motorsports, an auto racing team based in Abingdon, claimed a spectacular victory in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race held at Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama on October 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, operated by veteran owner Charlie Henderson, Henderson Motorsports is one of the oldest teams in NASCAR and has run races in the sport's top divisions since the early 1980s; unlike many NASCAR teams, the small outfit has just two full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, in the Fred's 250 Powered by Coca-Cola race of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, Henderson Motorsports delivered one of the 2017 season's biggest upsets by besting 30 other teams to secure its first NASCAR win since 1989; and

WHEREAS, with driver Parker Kligerman behind the wheel, Henderson Motorsports' number 75 Food Country USA Toyota charged through the field during the 95-lap race, claiming the lead with just one lap remaining and then taking the checkered flag in overtime; and

WHEREAS, the victory had special meaning for the Henderson Motorsports team, whose truck carried a decal honoring Peggy Miller, crew chief Chris Carrier's recently deceased mother-in-law; and

WHEREAS, Henderson Motorsports' win at Talladega was the highlight of a strong season that saw the team secure one victory, one top-five finish, and five top-10 finishes in just nine races; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Henderson Motorsports on winning the 2017 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at Talladega Superspeedway; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Henderson Motorsports as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its remarkable accomplishments and best wishes for continued success.