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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 379

Offered February 27, 2018

*Commending the Battlefield High School wrestling team.*

Patron—Hugo

WHEREAS, the Battlefield High School wrestling team of Prince William County won the Virginia High School League Class 6A championship on February 17, 2018, at Oscar F. Smith High School in Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, it was the first state title for the Battlefield High School Bobcats, who have established themselves in wrestling's top-tier in recent years; the team previously finished third in the state championship in 2017 and second in 2016; and

WHEREAS, with a superb group performance, the Battlefield Bobcats finished the title meet with a team score of 202, well ahead of the second-place Robinson Secondary School Rams, who ended the day with 116.5 points; and

WHEREAS, along with the team championship, the Battlefield Bobcats' top grapplers also secured four individual state crowns; River Curtis won his fourth straight state title with a victory in the 138-pound weight class, Brandon Wittenberg won his third straight state title in the 120-pound class, Zac Feight won his second straight state title in the 152-pound class, and Ron Miller claimed his first state title in the 160-pound class; and

WHEREAS, the Battlefield Bobcats' other overall state finishers were Beau Curtis, who took third in the 126-pound weight class; Zack Albertson, who captured third in the 285-pound class; Alex Ward, who finished fourth in the 182-pound class; Jackson Burns, who finished fifth in the 132-pound class; and Shane Curtis, who finished fifth in the 170-pound class; and

WHEREAS, the Battlefield High School wrestling team's state title is a tribute to the hard work of each of its talented student-athletes, the leadership of its coaches and staff, and the energetic support of the entire Battlefield High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Battlefield High School wrestling team on winning the 2018 Virginia High School League Class 6A championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brian Shaffer, head coach of the Battlefield High School wrestling team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's stellar season and best wishes for the future.

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