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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

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Commending the Western Branch High School baseball team.

Patron—Jones, S.C.

WHEREAS, the Western Branch High School baseball team of Chesapeake clinched its third state title, winning the Virginia High School League Group 6A state championship on June 10, 2017, at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, the Western Branch High School Bruins capped off an impressive 18 - 7 season by rallying to defeat the Frank W. Cox High School Falcons 6 - 4 in the final, securing the Bruins' second state championship in four years; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the season, the Western Branch High School baseball team benefited from exceptional pitching and hitting, as well as its players' relentless determination; the victory in the final marked the third postseason game in which the team came from behind to win; and

WHEREAS, in a title game contested by two teams from Hampton Roads, the Western Branch Bruins trailed 4 - 1 before mounting a thrilling five-run comeback in the sixth inning with a double from Ethan Alexander and RBIs from Phillip Gottlieb, Trent Jones, Connor Rhem, and Conner Butler; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Western Branch High School baseball team is a tribute to the talent and dedication of its outstanding student-athletes, the excellent guidance of its coaches and staff, and the passionate support of parents, friends, and the entire Western Branch High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Western Branch High School baseball team hereby be commended on winning the 2017 Virginia High School League Group 6A state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Roland Wright, head coach of the Western Branch High School baseball team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's achievements.

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