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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 665

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*Commending the Western Branch High School track and field program.*

Patrons—Jones, S.C.; Senator: Cosgrove

WHEREAS, the Western Branch High School track and field program won both the boys' and girls' state titles at the 2018 Virginia High School League Class 5 and 6 State Indoor Track and Field Championships in February 2018; and

WHEREAS, the talented and determined athletes from Western Branch High School in Chesapeake defeated dozens of hardworking teams from around the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, at the two-day track and field tournament held at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton, the Western Branch Bruins outran and outjumped their competitors, with Shadajah Ballard and Jazmine Tilmon scoring crucial points in the 55-meter hurdles event and sprinter Darian Perkerson running a personal-best 35.04 in the 300-meter race; and

WHEREAS, the Western Branch girls' track and field team, which entered the competition as a favorite, finished with an impressive 127 points, while the Western Branch boys' track and field team finished with 74 points, defeating the runner-up team by nearly 30 points; and

WHEREAS, Western Branch track coach Claude Toukene had previously won five consecutive state crowns, and the 2018 championships were especially meaningful because they capped his last year as coach of the Western Branch Bruins before moving to become the head track coach at Bryant & Stratton College; and

WHEREAS, the championship win was a complete team effort, and throughout the 2018 season, the members of the Western Branch High School track and field program were enthusiastically supported by their families, fellow students, and the entire school community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Western Branch High School track and field program on securing both the boys' and girls' state titles at the 2018 Virginia High School League Class 5 and 6 State Indoor Track and Field Championships; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Western Branch High School track and field program as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the teams' championship season and their stellar performance.

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