HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 863

Commending the Heritage High School football team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 2019 Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2019

WHEREAS, the Heritage High School football team of Lynchburg claimed its second state title in program history with a victory in the Virginia High School League Class 3 state championship; and

WHEREAS, in the state final at Liberty University, the Heritage High School Pioneers defeated the Phoebus High School Phantoms by a score of 24 - 20; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Pioneers were dominant on the ground, with senior quarterback Jabari Blake rushing for 177 yards and three touchdowns and junior running back KJ Vaughan adding another 100 yards; kicker Luke Barredo rounded out the score with a field goal just before halftime; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Pioneers' defense played tough, physical football, holding the Phoebus offense to a mere 56 rushing yards and forcing two interceptions, including senior Chris Megginson's pick at the 10-yard line to halt a Phoebus drive with only one minute remaining; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Heritage High School football team contributed to the win, which

capped off an impressive 14 - 1 season; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year, the Heritage Pioneers benefited from the leadership of coaches and staff and the passionate support of friends, family members, and the entire Heritage High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Heritage High School football team on winning the Virginia High School League Class 3 state title; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brad Bradley, head coach of the Heritage High School football team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's accomplishments and best wishes for the future.