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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 983

Offered February 14, 2019

Commending the Manchester High School football team.

Patrons—Robinson, Cox and Ingram; Senator: Sturtevant

WHEREAS, the Manchester High School football team won the Virginia High School League Class 6 state title on December 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the determined athletes from Manchester High School in Chesterfield County bested numerous talented teams from across the state on their way to the championship; and

WHEREAS, the Manchester Lancers capped a 15 - 0 season with a 49 - 7 win against Freedom High School at Hampton University's Armstrong Stadium on December 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Manchester Lancers' Brendon Clark accounted for three touchdowns and 324 yards, with K. J. McNeil running, throwing, and catching a touchdown; the defense stifled its opponents as it had done at previous competitions; and

WHEREAS, Manchester Lancers coach Tom Hall emphasized in his 2018 training season attention to details, from diligently keeping equipment organized in the weight room to running sprints with precision; and

WHEREAS, the Manchester Lancers' diligence paid off, resulting in limited turnovers and penalties and a passing game that was nearly perfect; Brendon Clark threw just one interception while unleashing 35 touchdowns during the season; and

WHEREAS, despite all of the hard work, in the first half of the championship, the Manchester Lancers fumbled the opening kickoff and later muffed a punt allowing Freedom High School to score a touchdown; but later in the game, Manchester led 21 - 7 early in the third quarter, going 80 yards in five plays and taking a 28 - 7 lead; and

WHEREAS, the Manchester Lancers scored three more touchdowns before the game was over, including a halfback pass by K. J. McNeil and a pick-six by defensive lineman Christian Williams; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2018 season, the members of the Manchester High School football team were enthusiastically supported by their families, boosters, fellow students, the school administration, 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 Manchester High School football team for winning the Virginia High School League Class 6 state title; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Manchester High School football team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement and stellar performance.

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