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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 825

Offered January 24, 2017

Commending the Westfield High School boys' basketball team.

Patrons—LeMunyon, Boysko, Bulova, Hugo and Plum; Senators: Howell, Marsden, Petersen and Wexton

WHEREAS, the Westfield High School boys' basketball team from Chantilly secured its first state title, winning the Virginia High School League Group 6A state championship in March 2016; and

WHEREAS, after taking an early double-digit lead, the Westfield High School Bulldogs defeated the Oscar Smith High School Tigers 74 - 56 in the state final, which was held at the Siegel Center in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, senior Blake Francis led the Westfield Bulldogs with 23 points; overall, the team shot nearly 43 percent from behind the arc and recorded 34 rebounds in their dominant performance; and

WHEREAS, Westfield High School became the first Fairfax County school to win a state basketball championship since 1981 and the first school in Virginia to win state titles in both basketball and football in the Commonwealth's highest classification in the same academic year since 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Westfield Bulldogs' victory is a testament to the skill and determination of all of the student-athletes, the leadership of the coaches and staff, and the enthusiastic support of the entire Westfield High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Westfield High School boys' basketball team on winning the 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 Doug Ewell, head coach of the Westfield High School boys' basketball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievements.

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