HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 785

Commending the Highland Springs High School football team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 2019 Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2019

WHEREAS, with a win in the 2018 Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship, the Highland Springs High School football team of Henrico County made history as only the third high school team in the Commonwealth to claim four consecutive state titles; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Springs High School Springers defeated the Stone Bridge High School Bulldogs by a score of 37 - 26 in the state final held at Hampton University; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Springs Springers, who routinely use their athleticism and dynamic offense to spread opposing defenses thin, took a 16-point lead over the Stone Bridge Bulldogs in the second quarter and never looked back; and

WHEREAS, the state championship win capped off a perfect 15 - 0 season for the Highland Springs Springers, who now hold the longest active winning streak in Virginia with 20 consecutive postseason wins and 29 wins overall; and

WHEREAS, each of the Highland Springs High School football team's student-athletes, coaches, and staff members contributed to the momentous victory; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, the Highland Springs Springers enjoyed the support of friends, family members, and the entire Highland Springs High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Highland Springs High School football team for winning the Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FÜRTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Loren Johnson, head coach of the Highland Springs High School football team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's historic achievements and best wishes for the future.