HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 234

Commending the Graham High School football team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2019

WHEREAS, the Graham High School football team of Bluefield claimed its fourth state title in program history with a win in the 2018 Virginia High School League Class 2 state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Graham High School G-Men defeated the Goochland High School Bulldogs 31 - 9 in the state final, held at Salem Football Stadium in Salem on December 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Graham G-Men dominated the competition throughout the year, with their explosive offense averaging 38.5 points per game and stifling defense only allowing 12.5 points per game; the team outscored their postseason opponents 196 - 57; and

WHEREAS, Graham quarterback and defensive back Cameron Allen was named both Offensive Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year and head coach Tony Palmer, who previously won a state title as a player in 1989, received Coach of the Year honors; and

WHEREAS, several Graham G-Men were named to All-State teams, and every member of the team contributed to the victory, which capped off a spectacular 14 - 1 season; and

WHEREAS, the Graham High School G-Men benefited from the leadership of the team's coaches and staff and the passionate support of friends, family members, and the entire Graham High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Graham High School football team hereby be commended on winning the 2018 Virginia High School League Class 2 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Graham High School football team as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's hard work and determination.