## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162**

Commending the Salem High School baseball team.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2019

WHEREAS, the Salem High School Spartans won the Virginia High School League Class 4 baseball state championship at Salem Memorial Stadium on June 9, 2018, to capture Salem High School's first ever baseball state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Salem Spartans defeated the Jamestown Eagles by a score of 2 - 1 in the championship game to complete a sweep of six postseason opponents; and

WHEREAS, the Salem Spartans sealed the victory in the final inning with a two-out single by Matt Wright that brought home Parker Stallard for the walk-off win; and

WHEREAS, the Salem Spartans were supported by a strong outing from pitcher Zian Honaker, who finished 8 - 0 on the season and 12 - 0 in his high school career; and

WHEREAS, the Salem Spartans were led by head coach Wes McMillian who was named 2018 Timesland Baseball Coach of the Year by the Roanoke Times for his leadership of the team; and

WHEREAS, the Salem Spartans stole a school record 88 bases and out-scored their opponents by an average of 7.2 runs to 2.3 runs while achieving a 19 - 3; and

WHEREAS, the Salem Spartans' success was the result of the hard work of student-athletes with the guidance of their teachers and coaches and the support of the entire Salem High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Salem Spartans hereby be commended for winning the Virginia High School League Class 4 state championship during their impressive 2018 season; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Salem Spartans baseball team, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the team's extraordinary achievement.