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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 274

Offered February 19, 2020

*Commending the Hopewell High School football team.*

Patrons—Coyner and Heretick; Senator: Morrissey

WHEREAS, the Hopewell High School football team won the Virginia High School League Class 3 State Championship on December 14, 2019, at Liberty University's Williams Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell High School Blue Devils defeated the Lord Botetourt High School Cavaliers of Daleville by a score of 35-7 to earn the program's fifth state title and second in the past three years; and

WHEREAS, the championship win concluded a remarkable season in which the Hopewell Blue Devils won the most games in program history and went undefeated for the first time since 1951; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Blue Devils took their streak of dominance into the championship, scoring on the second play of the game and posting four unanswered touchdowns on their march to victory; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Blue Devils' offense was led by Virginia Gatorade Player of the Year, TreVeyon Henderson, who scored four touchdowns and gained 237 total yards; and

WHEREAS, on the defensive side, the Hopewell Blue Devils forced five turnovers on two interceptions and three fumbles, including a fumble recovery for a touchdown by Kaiveon Cox, keeping the Lord Botetourt Cavaliers in check the entire game; and

WHEREAS, the triumph of the Hopewell High School Blue Devils is the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the steadfast support of the entire Hopewell High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Hopewell High School football team for winning the 2019 Virginia High School League Class 3 State Championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ricky Irby, coach of the Hopewell High School football team, as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt admiration for the team's achievement and best wishes for the future.

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