SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 117

Commending the Louisa County High School boys' basketball team.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 13, 2020 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 17, 2020

WHEREAS, the Louisa County High School boys' basketball team won the Virginia High School League Region 4B championship on their home court on February 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Louisa County High School Lions defeated the Courtland High School Cougars of Spotsylvania County by a score of 77-53, earning a berth to the Virginia High School Class 4 state tournament that would result in the team's first state championship appearance since 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Louisa County Lions jumped out to a quick start against the Courtland Cougars, opening on a 13-0 run; after holding their opponent nearly scoreless through the first five minutes of play, the team commanded a double-digit lead for the remainder of the game; and

WHEREAS, the Louisa County Lions' accomplishment was a total-team effort, with standout performances by Isaac Haywood, who had 19 points, and Chris Shelton and Xavien Hunter, with 16 points apiece; and

WHEREAS, posting a record of 26-5, the Louisa County Lions put forth their best performance in more than two decades, drawing inspiration all season from the energy and determination of the team's seniors, Mark Carter, Reginald Cosby, Chris Shelton, Shylek Washington, and Michael Weakley; and

WHEREAS, the team's success was the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the passionate support of the entire Louisa County High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Louisa County High School boys' basketball team for winning the 2019 Virginia High School League Region 4B championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert Shelton, coach of the Louisa County High School boys' basketball team, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievement and best wishes for the future.