HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 226

Commending the Heritage High School girls' indoor track and field team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 11, 2022

WHEREAS, the Heritage High School girls' indoor track and field team of Newport News won the Virginia High School League Class 4 state championship in the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage High School Hurricanes claimed the team title with a final score of 59 points, a one-point victory over the runner-up team from Atlee High School; and

WHEREAS, Heritage High School's Madison Whyte claimed individual state titles in the 55-meter dash and the 300-meter dash, while Sabria Wooden, Sanaa Wooden, Myzhane' Solomon, and Kara Ashley won the 4x200-meter relay with a meet record; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Hurricanes were in fourth place in the team standings heading into the final event, the 4x400-meter relay, and an explosive performance by Sabria Wooden, Sanaa Wooden, Kara Ashley, and Madison Whyte catapulted the team into the top spot for a dramatic finish; and

WHEREAS, every member of the team—Kara Ashley, Ahnasti Brown, Tyla Clarke, Marquette Fitzgerald, Julaisy Gomez-Cherry, Abeni Jackson, Destiny Kelley, Ken'naja Neal, Nicole Lee-Simmons, Myzhane' Solomon, De'iah Tatum, Madison Whyte, Sabria Wooden, Sanaa Wooden, and Amiya Valentine—contributed to the state championship victory; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Hurricanes succeeded with the guidance and leadership of their coaches and staff members and the passionate support of the entire Heritage High School community in Newport News; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Heritage High School girls' indoor track and field team of Newport News hereby be commended on winning the Virginia High School League Class 4 state championship in the 2021-2022 school year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jacqueline Bateman and Ray Pollard, coaches of the Heritage High School girls' indoor track and field team as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's achievements and best wishes for the future.