

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 393

Offered February 1, 2000

Commending Al Milley.

Patrons—Clement; Senator: Hawkins

WHEREAS, Al Milley, for 37 years the sports editor at the <u>Danville</u> <u>Bee</u> and the <u>Danville</u> <u>Register</u> & Bee, has announced his intention to retire in the spring of 2000; and

WHEREAS, a former professional baseball player, Al Milley settled in Danville in 1958, when he joined the Danville Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, five years later, Al Milley became the <u>Danville</u> <u>Bee's</u> one-man sports department, covering all aspects of local sports; and

WHEREAS, over the past 37 years, the <u>Danville Bee</u>, which became the <u>Register & Bee</u> in 1989, has grown as the city has grown, but the one constant has been Al Milley, covering and promoting local sports; and

WHEREAS, Al Milley's emphasis throughout his career has been youth sports, and he has never lost sight of what was most important to his readers and the community — complete coverage of local sports, especially school sports; and

WHEREAS, the founder of the <u>Danville</u> <u>Register</u> & <u>Bee</u> Sports Hall of Fame, Al Milley was inducted as a member of the Hall in honor of his lifetime of service to Danville; and

WHEREAS, Al Milley was also honored at the 17th annual <u>Danville</u> <u>Register</u> & <u>Bee</u> Holiday Shootout, a high school basketball tournament that now awards its winning team the Al Milley <u>Danville</u> Register & Bee Holiday Shootout Trophy; and

WHEREAS, Al Milley's long and honorable career is drawing to a close, but his many readers in the Danville area may take comfort from his plans to write free-lance articles and contribute a regular column on his favorite topic: local sports; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Al Milley on the completion of an outstanding journalistic career in Danville; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Al Milley as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his dedication to youth sports in the Danville area.