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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 90

Offered January 18, 2000

Commending Joseph C. Palumbo.

Patrons—Tata, Abbitt, Amundson, Black, Blevins, Bryant, Byron, Callahan, Cantor, Cox, Cranwell, DeBoer, Devolites, Diamonstein, Dickinson, Dillard, Drake, Dudley, Griffith, Hull, Ingram, Jackson, Joannou, Johnson, Jones, S.C., Kilgore, Larrabee, Marshall, McClure, McDonnell, McQuigg, Melvin, Nixon, Phillips, Pollard, Purkey, Putney, Reid, Robinson, Rollison, Rust, Scott, Spruill, Stump, Suit, Tate, Van Landingham, Van Yahres, Wagner, Wardrup, Ware, Watts, Williams and Woodrum

WHEREAS, the University of Virginia has produced thousands of graduates who have contributed to the growth and grandeur of the Commonwealth and the nation; and

WHEREAS, over the years the University of Virginia has fielded many outstanding football teams, consisting of multi-talented players with the speed, agility, and determination to produce winning seasons; and

WHEREAS, among these talented athletes is one who stood out as the very best at his defensive guard position, Joseph C. Palumbo; and

WHEREAS, Joe Palumbo played the game of football as no one else has played it, using his explosive speed to beat his opponent across the line of scrimmage and his tremendous strength to bring down the opposing quarterback, usually with significant loss of yardage; and

WHEREAS, the center of the line of scrimmage became Joe Palumbo's theater of operations, where he was so feared by opponents that they often attempted to block him with two or more players; and

WHEREAS, intercollegiate football recognized Joe Palumbo as the best defensive guard in the country by unanimously naming him to the 1951 All-American team; and

WHEREAS, a native of Beaver, Pennsylvania, Joe Palumbo was a motivational leader on the gridiron and a highly respected leader on The Grounds of the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, after graduation Joe Palumbo served his country in the United States Army, married and raised a family, and pursued a business career with the same determination and desire to succeed that he often demonstrated on the football field; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1999, Joseph C. Palumbo was inducted into the Intercollegiate Football Hall of Fame; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Joseph C. Palumbo on his recognition as one of the very finest football players of his generation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joseph C. Palumbo as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for his many achievements.

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