

## 2009 SESSION

INTRODUCED  
REPRINT

096820504

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 841

Offered February 2, 2009

*Commending Joe Cotter.*

Patrons—Fralin, Griffith and Ware, O.; Senators: Edwards and Smith

WHEREAS, Joe Cotter of Roanoke, a respected citizen and outstanding Virginian, is commended for his contributions to Roanoke Catholic Middle School basketball; and

WHEREAS, since childhood, Joe Cotter has struggled with both a mental and physical disability; the physical disability causes muscle weakness; and

WHEREAS, as a young child, an occupational therapist suggested Joe Cotter carry tuna cans to build his strength, but Joe's father thought basketball might be a better tool; and

WHEREAS, hard-working and determined, Joe Cotter practiced playing basketball every day and attended basketball clinics in the summers; and

WHEREAS, part of a loving and supportive family, Joe Cotter's father, Frank, and brother, Patrick, also played one-on-one with Joe whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, Joe Cotter's strength increased over the years, and he has become a key part of Roanoke Catholic Middle School basketball, scoring 18 points in one game; and

WHEREAS, an active student at Roanoke Catholic Middle School, Joe Cotter not only plays basketball but also spends an hour a day helping athletic director Stephen Niamke enter basketball statistics into the computer and provides office help; and

WHEREAS, well-loved by his teammates and friends at Roanoke Catholic Middle School, Joe Cotter's gentle spirit, hard work, and determination are an inspiration to all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Joe Cotter, a respected citizen and outstanding Virginian, on his hard work and dedication to Roanoke Catholic Middle School basketball; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joe Cotter as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his accomplishments.

INTRODUCED

HJ841