

2009 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 841

Commending Joe Cotter.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 6, 2009
Agreed to by the Senate, February 12, 2009

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.

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