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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 437

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Commending DeAngelo Eugene Hall.

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WHEREAS, DeAngelo Eugene Hall, a native of Chesapeake, and outstanding cornerback for the Washington Redskins, was selected as the 2011 Pro Bowl Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, DeAngelo Hall developed a strong love for the game of football and after playing at Deep Creek High School, went on to play at Virginia Tech, where he was named to the First Team All-American; and

WHEREAS, drafted eighth overall in the 2004 National Football League (NFL) Draft, DeAngelo Hall began his professional career playing for the Atlanta Falcons; after playing briefly for the Oakland Raiders, DeAngelo Hall is now a formidable force for the Washington Redskins; and

WHEREAS, one of the NFL's top players, DeAngelo Hall was selected to the Pro Bowl in his first year of professional play; in week seven of the 2010 football season, he tied an NFL record with four interceptions in one game; and

WHEREAS, one of only 19 players in the history of the NFL to intercept four passes in a game, DeAngelo Hall will have his jersey inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame for his extraordinary accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, in the 2011 Pro Bowl held in the beautiful state of Hawaii, DeAngelo Hall was named the Most Valuable Player for his interception and 34-yard fumble return for a touchdown that helped the National Football Conference defeat the American Football Conference, 55-41; and

WHEREAS, a man of character with a compassionate heart, DeAngelo Hall has used the resources and public attention he has garnered as a professional football player to support numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, DeAngelo Hall and his family faced great tragedy with limited resources when his older brother, Kevin, died a violent death; and

WHEREAS, determined to make a difference and help other families who have had to deal with the results of violence, DeAngelo Hall established the DeAngelo Hall Foundation with the goal of decreasing youth violence and aiding families and survivors of violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, the DeAngelo Hall Foundation helps youth avoid violence through the support of self-empowerment and anti-violence programs; and

WHEREAS, DeAngelo Hall is a devoted husband and father of four; and

WHEREAS, a man of remarkable accomplishment, DeAngelo Hall has been supported in his professional football career and community service efforts by his incredible and inspiring mother, Joan Hall, and his family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend DeAngelo Eugene Hall on his selection as the 2011 Pro Bowl Most Valuable Player; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to DeAngelo Eugene Hall as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for his outstanding career and commitment to serving others.

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