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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

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*Commending John T. Shotwell.*_____
Patron—Austin

WHEREAS, John T. Shotwell, the beloved coach who spent a half century at James River High School-Buchanan, was honored for his outstanding career with induction, as part of the Class of 2012, into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, a native of North Carolina, John Shotwell received a full baseball scholarship to what was then Edwards Military Institute, where he was named most valuable player his sophomore year; he later transferred to what was then Atlantic Christian College and earned a bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, John Shotwell joined James River High School-Buchanan, embarking on an illustrious career highlighted by 1,081 wins; he led his teams to 33 district titles, 11 regional titles, three state runner-up finishes, and four state championships; and

WHEREAS, John Shotwell served as head golf coach for 37 years, head boys' basketball coach for 31 years, head softball coach for 21 years, head baseball coach for three years, head girls' basketball coach for one year, assistant football coach for 25 years, assistant track coach for 15 years, and assistant cross country coach for four years; and

WHEREAS, John Shotwell led the Knights softball team to 79 consecutive Pioneer District wins in the mid-2000s and ended his coaching career by leading the softball team, which included his granddaughter, Haley, to the Group A, Division 2 state championship; and

WHEREAS, John Shotwell served several times as the head coach of the Virginia High School Coaches Association all-star softball game and was named state coach of the year three times—once in basketball and twice in softball; and

WHEREAS, John Shotwell was honored for his 50 years of service to James River High School-Buchanan on June 12, 2011, at a special reception at the school and was inducted into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame at a ceremony on October 15, 2012, in Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS, John Shotwell encouraged players to excel on the field, in school, and in life and worked alongside parents, teachers, community members, and fellow coaches throughout his career to create a positive environment for youth; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary role model, John Shotwell leaves behind an extraordinary coaching career and a sterling legacy of service to the youth of James River High School-Buchanan that others may strive to emulate; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, John Shotwell enjoys spending time with his children, Evie, Andrew, and Ryan, and grandchildren, Haley, Lindsay, Aiden, and Paige; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John T. Shotwell on his distinguished high school coaching career and induction into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John T. Shotwell as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations, admiration, and respect for his commitment to the young people of James River High School-Buchanan.

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