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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 438

Offered March 3, 2014

*Commending Nick Boothe.*

Patrons—Knight, Davis, DeSteph, Stolle, Taylor and Villanueva

WHEREAS, Nick Boothe, head baseball coach at Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, won his 600th game as a college baseball coach on February 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Nick Boothe is in his 28th season at Virginia Wesleyan College; at the beginning of the 2014 season, his overall won-loss record as a coach was 597 - 439 - 6; the Marlins' current season had just begun when Nick Boothe achieved his 600th coaching victory; and

WHEREAS, the talented coach has been named Old Dominion Athletic Conference Coach of the Year a record six times; Nick Boothe also has taken the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins to the Division III college baseball tournament six times; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 50 college baseball coaches have won 600 games, according to the records of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which makes Nick Boothe's accomplishment all the more outstanding; however, the achievement is less important to him than his work to develop talented players and winning teams; and

WHEREAS, Nick Boothe possesses an outstanding ability to nurture and guide promising baseball players; over the years, 22 of Nick Boothe's players have advanced to play professional baseball; team members say that Nick Boothe's ability to be a mentor is a major factor in the team's success; and

WHEREAS, Nick Boothe leads by example; he is an active participant in team-building events; he also leads volunteer projects and helps players in many other ways; and

WHEREAS, Nick Boothe, who is a 1985 graduate of Old Dominion University, has received many honors, including the 1988 Louisville Slugger Award for Excellence in Coaching, and he twice was named the Virginia College Division Coach of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Nick Boothe, head baseball coach at Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, for winning 600 games as a college baseball coach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Nick Boothe as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for his outstanding achievement and for his dedication to his players and the Virginia Wesleyan College baseball team.

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