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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5038

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*Commending Anthony Guy Bennett.*

Patrons—Toscano, Bell, Robert B., Howell, W.J., Landes, Massie, Morrissey, Plum and Rust; Senators:  
Deeds and Edwards

WHEREAS, Anthony Guy Bennett, head coach of the University of Virginia men's basketball team, was named the Atlantic Coast Conference 2013 - 2014 Coach of the Year in March 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Anthony "Tony" Guy Bennett played basketball at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay; he was drafted thirty-fifth overall in the 1992 National Basketball Association draft and played professionally for three seasons with the Charlotte Hornets; and

WHEREAS, now in his fifth season at the University of Virginia, Anthony "Tony" Guy Bennett joined the Cavaliers as head coach on March 31, 2009, after earning accolades as a coach at Washington State University for several years; and

WHEREAS, with 16 Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) wins in the 2013 - 2014 season, the University of Virginia Cavaliers are only the second ACC team to improve its record in each of the past five seasons; and

WHEREAS, under Anthony "Tony" Guy Bennett, the University of Virginia Cavaliers also set a school record with a 13-game ACC winning streak, won 12 ACC games by 10 points or more, and clinched the team's third consecutive winning season for the first time since the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Anthony "Tony" Guy Bennett rebuilt the University of Virginia Cavaliers as a defensive powerhouse in the ACC, known for controlling the pace of the game and frequently holding teams well below their scoring averages; and

WHEREAS, Anthony "Tony" Guy Bennett led the 2013 - 2014 University of Virginia Cavaliers to their sixth ACC regular season title and their second outright since 1981, and the team went on to win its first ACC tournament championship since 1976; and

WHEREAS, under Anthony "Tony" Guy Bennett's guidance, the University of Virginia Cavaliers entered the 2013 - 2014 NCAA tournament as the number one seed in the East Region and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Anthony Guy Bennett on being named the Atlantic Coast Conference 2013 - 2014 Coach of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Anthony Guy Bennett as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his leadership and determination and best wishes for the future.

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