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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5144

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Commending Susan Dunagan.

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WHEREAS, in 2014, Susan Dunagan, a respected educator and athletics coach, retires as the head coach of the Roanoke College women's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Roanoke Valley, Susan Dunagan graduated from Radford University and began her coaching career at Cave Spring High School, where she taught health, physical education, and driver's education; and

WHEREAS, with her dedication, positivity, and great instincts, Susan Dunagan led the Cave Spring High School girls' basketball team to an impressive 124 - 39 record between 1971 and 1981; and

WHEREAS, Susan Dunagan became the head coach of the Roanoke College women's basketball team in 1981 and led the Roanoke Maroons to a 611 - 271 career record, including a 449 - 141 record in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC); she ranks 10th among NCAA Division III head coaches for all-time wins; and

WHEREAS, under Susan Dunagan's leadership, the team completed 16 seasons of 20 or more wins, won a record 13 ODAC championships, and made 11 appearances in the NCAA tournament; and

WHEREAS, Susan Dunagan challenged her student-athletes to work hard and achieve their full potential on and off the basketball court; she emphasized the importance of academics, and all of her four-year players have earned college diplomas; and

WHEREAS, earning numerous awards and accolades throughout her career, Susan Dunagan was named ODAC Coach of the Year nine times and inducted into the Roanoke College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011; and

WHEREAS, a devoted mentor, Susan Dunagan inspired many of her former players and assistant coaches to become head coaches at the high school and college levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Susan Dunagan on the occasion of her retirement as head coach of the Roanoke College women's basketball team; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Susan Dunagan as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her leadership and commitment to serving the student-athletes of Roanoke College.

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