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Commending Doug Doughty.

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WHEREAS, Doug Doughty, a celebrated sportswriter in Roanoke, has provided exceptional coverage of University of Virginia athletic programs for more than four decades; and

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WHEREAS, Doug Doughty joined the *Roanoke Times* as a sports reporter in 1974; a visionary journalist, he was one of the first reporters in the country to cover college recruiting, which has become a standard practice in sports journalism; and

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WHEREAS, respected for his breadth and depth of sports knowledge and keen insights, Doug Doughty became the assistant sports editor of the *Roanoke Times*; and

13 14 15 WHEREAS, a University of Virginia alumnus, Doug Doughty has proudly covered Cavaliers football, basketball, baseball, and lacrosse games around the country; and

15 16 17 WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Doug Doughty covered the University of Virginia basketball team's first Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) championship victory in 1976 and the team's ACC championship victory over Duke University in March 2014; and

18 19 20 WHEREAS, Doug Doughty has earned numerous awards and accolades for his work; he was named Virginia Sportswriter of the Year in 1998, 2000, and 2010 by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Doug Doughty on his 40-year career as an outstanding sports journalist; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Doug Doughty as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his many accomplishments and best wishes for the future.