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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5183

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*Commending Nelson Fox.*

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WHEREAS, Nelson Fox of Buena Vista, a respected educator and a celebrated athletics coach who led his teams to more than 1,000 victories, retired as the head coach of the Parry McCluer High School boys' basketball and golf teams at the end of the 2013 - 2014 school year; and

WHEREAS, as a young athlete, Nelson Fox was praised for his work ethic and strong grasp of fundamentals, traits he would later pass on to his players as a coach; he began his 50-year coaching career at the age of 10, when he took over as bench boss for an eight-year-old Little League team; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Fox developed a passion for coaching, and in 1970, he returned to Buena Vista City Public Schools and became the head coach of an eighth-grade boys' basketball program and the assistant coach of a varsity basketball program, while teaching middle school math and physical education; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Nelson Fox was hired as the head coach of the Parry McCluer High School boys' basketball team; during his 35-year tenure as head coach, he led the Fighting Blues to 554 victories, including 13 regular season Pioneer District championships, 13 Pioneer District tournaments, two Region C championships, one Group 1A championship game, and two trips to the Group 1A final four; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Fox also coached the Parry McCluer High School golf team, leading the team to 461 victories and the 1981 Group 1A state championship; a Parry McCluer High School senior won the Group 1A individual golf state championship in 2013; and

WHEREAS, an astute student of the game and a devoted mentor, Nelson Fox is always eager to share his insights, and he has inspired dozens of players to follow in his footsteps as coaches at various levels throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Nelson Fox on the occasion of his retirement as head coach of the Parry McCluer High School boys' basketball and golf teams; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Nelson Fox as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his devoted service to and leadership of the youth of the Buena Vista community and best wishes on a happy retirement.

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