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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 570**

Offered September 17, 2014

Commending Dan Stimson.

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WHEREAS, after nearly 30 years of outstanding leadership, Dan Stimson, the former director of The College of William and Mary track and field team, retired as the head coach of the track and field team throwers in 2014; and

WHEREAS, through hard work, technical knowledge, and faith in the talent of his student-athletes, Dan Stimson helped The College of William and Mary Tribe track and field program grow into a regional and national competitor; and

WHEREAS, under Dan Stimson's 25-year tenure as director, the Tribe track and field team earned 49 Colonial Athletic Association titles, and the men's cross country team qualified for 14 consecutive NCAA meets; and

WHEREAS, during the 2011 - 2012 season, Dan Stimson became the head coach of the Tribe track and field team throwers and cemented his reputation as one of the most respected throws and jumps coaches in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to Tribe sports, The College of William and Mary named a campus athletic facility in his honor; he was named an honorary alumnus in 2011 and inducted in the Tribe Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dan Stimson proudly coached student-athletes who would go on to become Olympians, national champions, All-Americans, and coaches; he treated each student-athlete with respect and emphasized the value of teamwork in a sport that often focuses on individual performance; and

WHEREAS, serving as a trusted mentor to countless young men and women, Dan Stimson made it his personal mission to help his student-athletes succeed on and off the track; he will continue to serve The College of William and Mary community as a volunteer assistant coach; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Dan Stimson hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as head coach of The College of William and Mary track and field team throwers; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dan Stimson as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his exceptional accomplishments and commitment to his student-athletes.