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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 65

Commending the 2016 inductees into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 15, 2016

WHEREAS, in 1996, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame was designated the official Sports Hall of Fame of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, located in Portsmouth, has honored many of Virginia's exceptional athletes, coaches, and media personalities since its inception; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to honoring, educating, and entertaining its visitors, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum inducts individuals who achieve greatness in their field and serves as a nonprofit educational resources center for math, science, health, and character development; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame is honored to present the Class of 2016 inductees as follows:

The Class of 2016

Charlie Stukes

Charlie Stukes of Chesapeake was a star athlete at Crestwood High School, playing football, basketball, and baseball, and he was a two-sport athlete at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He was drafted into the NFL by the Baltimore Colts in 1967 and earned a reputation as a ball hawk, recording eight interceptions in 1971, seven interceptions in 1974, and 32 total interceptions in his career. Charlie Stukes helped the Baltimore Colts win Super Bowl V in 1971, the first Super Bowl after the merger between the NFL and the American Football League.

Marianne Stanley

Marianne Stanley played basketball on the history-making 1972 - 1974 Immaculata College teams that were inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2004. She went on to coach the Old Dominion University women's basketball team for 10 years; finishing with a record of 268 - 59, she helped the Monarchs earn national recognition as three-time Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women tournament champions. Marianne Stanley also coached teams at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Southern California, Stanford University, and the University of California, as well as in the Women's National Basketball Association. She was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002.

Dave Rosenfield

Dave Rosenfield was a champion for professional baseball in Norfolk and served as general manager of the Tidewater and Norfolk Tides for nearly 50 years. Under his leadership, the Tides claimed five International League titles. He earned four International League Executive of the Year awards and was inducted into the International League Hall of Fame with the Class of 2008. In recognition of his exceptional contributions to professional baseball in the region, he was named King of Baseball by Minor League Baseball in 2004.

Robert Ukrop

Robert Ukrop, a native of Richmond, helped bring Davidson College into the national spotlight with his skill as a soccer player, leading the team to the NCAA Final Four in 1992, when he was named as a first-team All-American and Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America Player of the Year. He began a 12-year career in professional soccer with the Richmond Kickers, with whom he won the 1995 US Open Cup and was named championship MVP, and played with several teams around the country, including the New England Revolution in Major League Soccer. He retired with the Kickers, holding club records for career goals, career assists, career points, and matches.

Rich Murray

Rich Murray graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1971 and began a distinguished 40-year career in sports journalism. He served as public information director at James Madison University and sports information director at the University of Virginia. A founding member of the Virginia Sports Information Directors Association (VASID), Rich Murray was the organization's inaugural president, and in 2007, the VASID named its Excellence in Sports Journalism Scholarship in his honor.

James Farrior

A native of Ettrick, James Farrior was a Parade High School All-America selection at Matoaca High School, before joining the University of Virginia football team. As a linebacker for the Cavaliers, he recorded 381 tackles to rank third on the school's all-time tackles list. James Farrior was selected by the New York Jets with the eighth overall pick in the 1997 National Football League (NFL) Draft, and played with the Jets for five seasons, before joining the Pittsburgh Steelers as a free agent in 2001. Over

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the course of his 15-year career in the NFL, he was a two-time Pro Bowl selection and a first-team all-pro selection, and he earned two Super Bowl rings with the Steelers.

Charles Oakley

As a member of the Virginia Union University basketball team, Charles Oakley was named the 1985 National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division II Player of the Year, averaging 24.3 points and 17.3 rebounds. He was drafted ninth overall in the 1985 National Basketball Association (NBA) Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers and went on to play for the Chicago Bulls, New York Knicks, Toronto Raptors, Washington Wizards, and Houston Rockets. Charles Oakley placed in the NBA's top 10 list for rebounds per game five times between 1987 and 1994, and he finished his career with 12,417 points, 12,205 rebounds, and 3,217 assists; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Charlie Stukes, Marianne Stanley, Dave Rosenfield, Robert Ukrop, Rich Murray, James Farrior, and Charles Oakley hereby be commended as the 2016 inductees into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and its 2016 inductees as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations and admiration for the inductees' many contributions to the world of sports.