HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 342

Commending Bill Dee.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2017

WHEREAS, Bill Dee has served and mentored the youth of Hampton Roads for more than 30 years as a football coach and has been a respected leader on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Bill Dee became the head coach of the Phoebus High School football team in 1985 and helped build the team into a powerhouse that amassed a 215 - 64 record in 24 seasons; and

WHEREAS, an inspirational leader, Bill Dee led the Phoebus High School Phantoms to nine district titles, seven regional titles, and four state championships between 2001 and 2008; the team was 98 - 9 in his final eight seasons as head coach; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2009, Bill Dee served as an assistant football coach at the college level, offering his leadership to the Christopher Newport University football team for two seasons before joining the coaching staff of Old Dominion University; and

WHEREAS, Bill Dee returned to high school coaching in 2016 and helped the Oscar Smith High School Tigers continue their streak of 91 straight regular season wins in their district and led the team to its second consecutive Virginia High School League Group 6A state championship appearance; and

WHEREAS, retiring as head coach of the Oscar Smith Tigers, Bill Dee's exceptional career statistics stand at 256 wins in 29 seasons; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Bill Dee hereby be commended for his amazing achievements as a high school and college football coach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bill Dee as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his dedicated mentorship of countless young athletes in Hampton Roads.