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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 398

Offered February 14, 2017

*Commending Marty L. Miller.*

Patron—Hayes

WHEREAS, Marty L. Miller, Norfolk State University athletics director, is being inducted into the Virginia Interscholastic Association Heritage Association Hall of Fame in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Interscholastic Association Heritage Association (VIAHA) Hall of Fame is dedicated to preserving the legacy of African American students and adults who participated in the Virginia Interscholastic Association from 1954 to 1970, prior to public school integration; and

WHEREAS, a native of Danville, Marty Miller is one of 11 individuals being inducted into the VIAHA Hall of Fame for their noteworthy contributions to high school athletics and activities; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller is a 1964 graduate of John M. Langston High School in Danville, where he competed in basketball and was a standout in baseball, compiling a .684 batting average his senior year and a career average of .513; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller was awarded a scholarship to attend Norfolk State University (NSU), where he was an All-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) player in 1967 and 1968, the same year he led the nation in doubles, and was the college's first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) College Division All-American in baseball; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller joined the United States Army after college, and while on active duty he was signed by the Minnesota Twins; after leaving the Army, he returned to Norfolk State University and became head baseball coach in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller became the winningest baseball coach in CIAA history, and over 32 years he compiled a record of 718 - 543 - 3, won 17 conference championships, and was named CIAA Coach of the Year 15 times; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller became NSU athletics director in 2005, and he is a past president of the Norfolk Sports Club and serves on the executive committee for the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame & Museum; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller has served his alma mater in various capacities for more than 40 years, including working in the areas of financial aid, career services, student affairs, and athletics, where he has made his greatest mark; in 1997, NSU honored Marty Miller by dedicating the Marty L. Miller Baseball Field; and

WHEREAS, the VIAHA recognition is the sixth hall of fame induction for Marty Miller, who is already a member of the NSU, CIAA, Hampton Roads Sports, Virginia Sports, and Hampton Roads African American Sports halls of fame; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Marty L. Miller hereby be commended on his induction into the Virginia Interscholastic Association Heritage Association Hall of Fame; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marty L. Miller as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his high achievement and congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

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