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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 547

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Commending Ken Felix.

Patrons—Mullin, Bourne, Bulova and Heretick; Senators: Mason, Norment and Wexton

WHEREAS, Ken Felix, who led The College of William and Mary ice hockey team to new heights, retires as the team's head coach at the end of the 2017 - 2018 season, after more than a decade with the program; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hampton, Ken Felix has worked at Newport News Shipbuilding for almost 38 years and currently serves as a production management analyst; he has generously volunteered his time and coaching skills to The College of William and Mary ice hockey team in a position that involves many late-night practices and travel on the weekends; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime fan of ice hockey Ken Felix began his coaching career with his son's youth league, following him up through different age groups for 10 years before joining The College of William and Mary Tribe as an assistant hockey coach in the 2006 - 2007 season; and

WHEREAS, Ken Felix was named head coach of The College of William and Mary ice hockey team for the 2007 - 2008 season, becoming only the second head coach in the team's 30-year history; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Ken Felix, The College of William and Mary Tribe won the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference (BRHC) championship for the first time in the 2010 - 2011 season; and

WHEREAS, The College of William and Mary Tribe placed first in the Atlantic Northeast Division of the BRHC during the 2011 - 2012 season, for which Ken Felix was named the Coach of the Year by the BRHC in 2012; and

WHEREAS, during Ken Felix's tenure as head coach, The College of William and Mary ice hockey team has supported the university by increasing alumni engagement with the help of the team's booster club, the Royal Blueliner Society; the team also participates in the One Tribe One Day alumni giving initiative and hosts various alumni events, including an annual alumni dinner, an alumni game during homecoming weekend, and an annual Player Awards and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Ken Felix encourages his players to achieve greatness both on and off the ice; since 2007, 32 members of The College of William and Mary ice hockey team have received Academic All-American Honors from the American Collegiate Hockey Association, and members of the team have raised money for Avalon, a shelter that works to break the cycle of abuse in the Greater Williamsburg area; and

WHEREAS, Ken Felix's wife, Becky, has been named as "honorary coach" for her dedicated support of the team, and their son, Corey, has followed in his father's footsteps as an assistant coach of the team; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Ken Felix on the occasion of his retirement as head coach of The College of William and Mary ice hockey team; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ken Felix as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding leadership and exceptional achievements as a coach.

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