

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27

Commending Robert Curtis Baltimore.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 26, 2018

WHEREAS, it was Thomas Edison who well remarked that "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration"; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Baltimore of Powhatan has demonstrated the aptness of Thomas Edison's adage by persevering for a half-century in the coaching of young athletes in Powhatan County, emphatically in the sport of the national pastime of baseball; and

WHEREAS, in 50 years as coach of the Powhatan High School baseball team, from 1967 through 2017, Coach Baltimore and his devoted players have registered 663 wins, two state championships, 15 district champions, six regional championships, and two regional runner-up awards; and

WHEREAS, Coach Baltimore also guided the Powhatan High School basketball team for two seasons, from 1967 through 1969, and was head coach of the Powhatan Indians football team for 13 years, from 1971 through 1983; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Baltimore, the Powhatan Indians football team were runners-up for the state championship in 1974, and won the state title in football in 1996 under Head Coach Jimmy Woodson, with Coach Baltimore a wholly engaged assistant coach; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his remarkable successes even in his early years, Coach Baltimore was named Head Coach of the East Virginia All-Star team of 1975 by the Virginia High School League Coaches Association; and

WHEREAS, Bob Baltimore also served his school and community as athletic director of the Indians' sports programs, and has coached in the Virginia Commonwealth Games for many years across the decades; and

WHEREAS, in gratitude for his exemplary service, the community of Powhatan in 1997 named the school's baseball diamond in his honor as "Baltimore Field"; and

WHEREAS, though born in Powhatan, Bob Baltimore was reared in nearby Chesterfield and graduated from Midlothian High School in the Class of 1962; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Randolph-Macon College in 1967, Bob Baltimore began his long career on the faculty of Powhatan High School as a teacher of sociology and social studies, a labor he undertook for the following 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Bob Baltimore served as chairman of the Powhatan High School Social Studies Department and as interim assistant principal, and was Powhatan County's Teacher of the Year in 1988 - 1989; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his devotion to his discipline, Powhatan High School annually presents the Robert C. Baltimore Social Studies Award to the outstanding senior student in the field; and

WHEREAS, though long retired from the teaching profession, Bob Baltimore remains a fixture on the field and in the stands for virtually every major sporting competition of his beloved Powhatan High School Indians athletes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Powhatan County's revered Robert Curtis Baltimore hereby be commended for his endurance and accomplishments as an educator and coach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Robert Curtis Baltimore and to the Powhatan High School Athletics Department as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his singular devotion and accomplishments.

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