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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 208

Offered February 28, 2018

Commending Darnell Dozier.

Patrons—Wagner; Delegates: Convirs-Fowler, Lindsey and Turpin

WHEREAS, Darnell Dozier, the talented and respected head coach of the Princess Anne High School girls' basketball team in Virginia Beach, recorded a remarkable 600th career victory on February 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a Suffolk native and a 13-year veteran of the United States Army, Darnell Dozier began his athletics career as an assistant basketball coach in New Jersey; he then became an assistant for the Princess Anne High School girls' basketball team before taking the reins as head coach in 1995; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Princess Anne Cavaliers, Darnell Dozier has turned the team into a high school basketball powerhouse known as perennial title contenders; in 23 seasons, he has led the program to a record eight state championships; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2018, Darnell Dozier notched his 600th career victory as the Princess Anne Cavaliers defeated the Green Run High School Stallions 92-23; following the win, his career record with the team was an astonishing 600-53; and

WHEREAS, Darnell Dozier's 600th career win places him in third place all-time in the list of the Virginia High School League's (VHSL) winningest girls' basketball coaches; and

WHEREAS, a staunch disciplinarian and motivator who served as a drill sergeant during his military career, Darnell Dozier is known for his teams' excellent physical conditioning and high-powered defensive play; during the 2016-2017 season, his team routinely dominated their opponents on their way to winning their fourth straight VHSL Group 5A state title; and

WHEREAS, along with eight state championships, Darnell Dozier has also garnered 20 district or conference titles and has led his teams to the state tournament on 13 occasions, including in each of the last nine years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Darnell Dozier has worked tirelessly to nurture his players as athletes and as people; his dedication to his teams has brought credit to his school and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Darnell Dozier on his many accomplishments as a high school basketball coach on the occasion of his 600th career victory; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Darnell Dozier as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his stellar achievements and best wishes for continued success.

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