

## 2018 SESSION

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43

*Celebrating the life of Fred Melvin Reekes.*

Agreed to by the Senate, March 1, 2018

WHEREAS, Fred Melvin Reekes, a beloved educator, coach, and mentor who touched countless lives in the Brunswick County community, died on May 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Brunswick County Public Schools, Fred "Freddie" Reekes returned to his home school system to help give students the same strong foundation for lifelong learning that he received as a youth; and

WHEREAS, as coach of the Brunswick High School boys' and girls' basketball teams, Freddie Reekes led the Bulldogs to more than 300 wins and helped develop future professional players; an inspirational leader, he motivated his athletes to work hard both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Freddie Reekes was also a trusted friend to his fellow teachers, enabling his peers to achieve personal and professional success and lifting the spirits of everyone he met; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work in Brunswick Public Schools, Freddie Reekes served and inspired young men and women at Southside Virginia Community College; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Freddie Reekes will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Peggy; his daughters, Monica, Melissa, and Melanie, and their families, as well as numerous other family members and friends; he was a loved and devoted "Papa" to his cherished grandchildren Caleb, Colton, Cameron, Cullen, and Elizabeth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Fred Melvin Reekes, a respected educator and an accomplished coach who inspired countless young people in Brunswick County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Fred Melvin Reekes as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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