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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 807

Offered February 5, 2019

Commending Robert Casto.

Patrons—Campbell, R.R.; Senator: Hanger

WHEREAS, Robert Casto, who led the Riverheads High School football team to six state championships over the course of 23 seasons, retired as head coach of the team in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Robert Casto worked as an assistant coach at Buffalo Gap High School and head coach at Chincoteague High School before becoming an assistant coach at Riverheads High School; and

WHEREAS, named head coach of the Riverheads High School Gladiators in 1996, Robert Casto led the team to a playoff appearance within three years and capped off an undefeated season with a state championship victory in 2000; and

WHEREAS, under Robert Casto's leadership, the Riverheads Gladiators won additional state titles in 2006, 2010, 2016, 2017, and 2018; and

WHEREAS, known for his ability to adapt to his players' strengths, Robert Casto finished his coaching career at Riverheads High School with an incredible 222 - 59 record; he was named by the Virginia High School League as Class 1 Coach of the Year at the end of his final season; and

WHEREAS, Robert Casto has been an exceptional mentor and role model to his players both on and off the football field; after his well-earned retirement from coaching, he will continue to serve students as a physical education teacher and support the Riverheads Gladiators from the sidelines; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Robert Casto on the occasion of his retirement as head coach of the Riverheads High School football team; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert Casto as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements and service to the young people of Augusta County.