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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 253

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Commending Michael Joseph Grasso.

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WHEREAS, Michael Joseph Grasso, president and coach of the South County Outlaws travel baseball organization, has mentored and inspired countless young men and women in Northern Virginia through his generosity and dedication to service; and

WHEREAS, as president of the South County Outlaws for more than 20 years, Michael "Mike" Joseph Grasso has helped children between the ages of five and 18 achieve success on and off the baseball diamond and develop valuable skills like sportsmanship, teamwork, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Mike Grasso has supported the South County Outlaws by acquiring 70-foot and 90-foot baseball fields, as well as the use of an indoor training facility; he personally maintained the landscaping at both fields, often for no pay; and

WHEREAS, at the Mason Neck West Park field, Mike Grasso installed bleachers, dugouts, a full fence, flag poles, two batting cages, an equipment shed, a concessions shed, and an irrigation system; and

WHEREAS, working to ensure that all young people had a chance to take part in athletics, Mike Grasso created a scholarship program to support children from low-income families and established Fairness In School Sports, through which he personally represented students who had not been given a fair opportunity to participate in high school sports before the Fairfax County School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mike Grasso has been an exceptional role model for his athletes, striving to always do the right thing, even when no one is watching, and has inspired countless young men and women to do the same; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Michael Joseph Grasso hereby be commended for his service to young people as president and coach of the South County Outlaws travel baseball organization; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael Joseph Grasso as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his many contributions to the Northern Virginia community.

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