## 2019 SESSION

## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 277**

Commending Richard DeSomma.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 18, 2019

WHEREAS, Richard DeSomma, head coach of the Freedom High School girls' lacrosse team, was named as a National Coach of the Year for the 2017 - 2018 academic year by the National Federation of State High School Associations Coaches Association; and

WHEREAS, Richard DeSomma was one of only 23 coaches nationwide to win the prestigious award, with nominees selected from state and geographic sectional winners, representing 11 boys' sports, 11 girls' sports, and a spirit coach; and

WHEREAS, Richard DeSomma joined the Freedom High School girls' lacrosse team as head coach in 2016 and quickly revitalized the struggling program; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Richard DeSomma led the Freedom High School Eagles to a victory against the previously undefeated Atlee High School Raiders in the Virginia High School League Class 5 state championship; now, therefore, be it

RÉSOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Richard DeSomma hereby be commended on his selection as a 2018 National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations Coaches Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard DeSomma as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his achievements in service to the young people of Loudoun County.