

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 408

Celebrating the life of Louis Alexander Wacker.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2019

WHEREAS, Louis Alexander Wacker, Virginia native and hall of fame coach, died on February 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Louis Alexander "Lou" Wacker excelled in multiple sports from a young age; a graduate of Highland Springs High School and the University of Richmond, he still holds records at both schools for low hurdles in track and number of passes intercepted in a football game, respectively; and

WHEREAS, after a professional football career with the Detroit Lions and Calgary Stampeders, Lou Wacker returned to the Commonwealth to embark on what would be a storied, 46-year coaching career; and

WHEREAS, early success at Midlothian High School and Colonial Heights High School led Lou Wacker to a position as the defensive coordinator for the football team at Hampden-Sydney College under legendary coach J. Stokeley Fulton; from 1969 to 1979, this team's defense was one of only two Division III programs to limit opponents to a single digit average; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Lou Wacker became head football coach at Emory & Henry College, where he would remain for the rest of his career, tallying 164 victories, 11 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) championships, and five NCAA Division III playoff appearances; he was named ODAC Coach of the Year five times and coached 136 All-ODAC first team players; all of these accomplishments were ODAC records at the time of his retirement in 2004; and

WHEREAS, for his remarkable achievements as a coach and dedication to more than 2,000 student-athletes, Lou Wacker was inducted into the Highland Springs Hall of Fame (HOF), the University of Richmond HOF, the Hampden-Sydney HOF, the Emory & Henry HOF, and the Virginia Sports HOF; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Mary, Lou Wacker will be dearly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Bruce, Kristen, and Louis, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Louis Alexander Wacker, son of Virginia and hall of fame coach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Louis Alexander Wacker as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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