

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 411

Celebrating the life of Mark Lee Fischer.

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

WHEREAS, Mark Lee Fischer, who was born on June 14, 1964, in Corpus Christi, Texas, and grew up in Henrico County, died on February 17, 2019, at the age of 54; and

WHEREAS, Mark Lee Fischer graduated from Mills E. Godwin High School in 1983, then graduated from Concord University in Athens, West Virginia, where he played football; and

WHEREAS, Mark Lee Fischer served as the head football coach at Louisa County High School from 2003 to 2010 and again from 2014 to 2017, as well as head coach at St. James High School in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, from 2011 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 12 seasons with Louisa County High School, Mark Lee Fischer won 96 games and became the program's winningest coach; and

WHEREAS, Mark Lee Fischer was named Jefferson District Coach of the Year six times (2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, and 2017) by his peers, named the 2006 Associated Press Virginia Coach of the Year, completed three undefeated regular seasons, won five Jefferson District championships, and led his Louisa Lions to the state title games in 2006 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Louisa County School Board voted unanimously to name the playing surface at The Jungle football stadium at Louisa County High School "The Mark L. Fischer Field"; and

WHEREAS, Mark Lee Fischer spent more than 20 years as an educator for Richmond Public Schools and Louisa County Public Schools in Virginia and Horry County Public Schools in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mark Lee Fischer courageously battled multiple myeloma for seven years, during which time he inspired thousands of people worldwide with his will to live and developed a mantra of "Run Through It," a phrase which became a rallying cry for his many supporters; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mark Lee Fischer was known for his passion for football, his commitment to excellence in all his pursuits, his strength in the face of adversity, and his love for his players and students; and

WHEREAS, Mark Lee Fischer will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved and ever-faithful wife, Pam Hope Fischer; his children, Mackenzie and Troy; his parents, Fred and Virginia Fischer of Louisa; 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 Mark Lee Fischer, a respected and loved football coach, mentor, and father; 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 Mark Lee Fischer as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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