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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

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Commending Joy Scruggs.

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WHEREAS, Joy Scruggs, longtime faculty member and women's basketball coach at Emory & Henry College, is retiring in 2020 after nearly four decades with the institution; and

WHEREAS, as a basketball player at the University of Tennessee in the mid-1970s, Joy Scruggs played under the legendary Pat Summitt, an experience that instilled in her a passion to coach; and

WHEREAS, after a brief stint with the Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Joy Scruggs joined Emory & Henry College in 1981, where she has since coached basketball and cross-country and taught in the Health & Human Performance Department; and

WHEREAS, over 28 seasons as head coach of the Emory & Henry College women's basketball team, Joy Scruggs posted 384 wins, 19 winning seasons, and an Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Joy Scruggs played an instrumental role in transitioning the Emory & Henry College women's basketball program to the National Collegiate Athletic Conference Division III in 1982, one year after the conference began sponsoring women's athletics; and

WHEREAS, always dedicated to the maturation and development of her players, Joy Scruggs was named Old Dominion Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1984, 2002, and 2003, while many of her players earned all-conference honors under her leadership; and

WHEREAS, as a faculty member with the Health & Human Performance Department at Emory & Henry College, Joy Scruggs has contributed to the well-being of countless students, these efforts earned her the 2016 Exemplary Teaching Award from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, for her many years of service in the community through Meadowview United Methodist Church and the Abingdon Rotary Club, Joy Scruggs has been honored with numerous awards and distinctions, including a Paul Harris Fellow recognition by Rotary International in 2006 and a Hope Award from Emory & Henry College in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Joy Scruggs will live on not only through her induction into the Emory & Henry College Sports Hall of Fame in 2016, but also through the establishment of the Joy Scruggs Leadership Award, which annually recognizes the Emory & Henry College women's basketball player who best embodies servant leadership; and

WHEREAS, over a career spanning nearly a half-century, Joy Scruggs offered an example of what can be accomplished through hard work, dedication, and perseverance, serving as an inspiration to her players, students, and fellow faculty alike; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Joy Scruggs, cherished faculty member and basketball coach at Emory & Henry College, hereby be commended on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joy Scruggs as an expression of the House of Delegates' profound admiration and respect for her achievements and best wishes for the future.

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