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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 296

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Celebrating the life of Charles Wallace Nuttycombe.

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WHEREAS, Charles Wallace Nuttycombe, a legendary track and field and football coach who brought numerous championships to Newport News and helped launched the careers of many lauded athletes, died on December 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Charles "Charlie" Wallace Nuttycombe's athletic accomplishments began at Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond, where he was selected "Outstanding Athlete" in his senior class and earned a state championship in the broad jump; he attended Virginia Military Institute on a football scholarship, graduated from Randolph-Macon College, and received a master's degree in history from Old Dominion University; at Randolph-Macon, he lettered in football, track, and basketball, was the 1955 football team captain and three-time track team captain, and earned 13 state champion titles in various events; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Charlie Nuttycombe began teaching and coaching at Newport News High School; his track teams brought home 14 state championships, and in 1962 he led his football team to an undefeated season; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Nuttycombe moved to Menchville High School in 1970, where he would stay until his retirement in 1990; while he built the school's football and track teams from scratch, his football teams produced a total record of 150-108-18 and five National Football League athletes, and he coached his track teams to a record of 125-3-2 in dual meet competition and 21 state track team championships; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Nuttycombe was widely recognized for his accomplishments, receiving the inaugural United States National High School Track Coach of the Year award in 1975; in 2005, he became one of only four high school coaches inducted into the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame and was joined by his son, Ed, in 2014; he was inducted into the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame, Menchville High School Hall of Fame, Newport News Public School Track and Field Hall of Fame, Lower Virginia Peninsula Hall of Fame, and Randolph-Macon College Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Nuttycombe served as a mentor and inspiration for countless other students, regardless of athletic ability, by teaching American History, Geography, and Government and by corresponding with former students long into retirement; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Nuttycombe will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 69 years, Elizabeth; their children, Edward, Charles, Jr., Stephen, Pamela, Graham, and Jennifer, and their families; 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 Charles Wallace Nuttycombe, one of the Commonwealth's greatest coaches in football and track and field; 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 Charles Wallace Nuttycombe as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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