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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 392

Offered February 2, 2021

*Commending Darnell Dozier.*

Patrons—DeSteph, Cosgrove, Kiggans, Lewis, McDougale and Reeves; Delegates: Davis and Miyares

WHEREAS, Darnell Dozier, the record-breaking coach of the Princess Anne High School girls' basketball team, was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Suffolk, Darnell Dozier served his country as a member of the United States Army for 13 years and began his athletics career as an assistant basketball coach in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Darnell Dozier returned to the Commonwealth as an assistant coach at Princess Anne High School, then became head coach of the girls' basketball team in 1995; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Darnell Dozier has turned the Princess Anne Cavaliers into a perennial powerhouse, recording 10 state championship wins in 13 appearances, as well as 11 regional titles and 22 district titles; and

WHEREAS, Darnell Dozier earned his milestone 600th career victory in 2018 and currently holds the record for the fourth-highest number of wins in Virginia High School League history; and

WHEREAS, Darnell Dozier has drawn upon his experience in the military to inspire and motivate his student-athletes, and his teams have been known for their excellent physical conditioning and high-powered defensive play; and

WHEREAS, Darnell Dozier also works diligently to help his athletes grow as community leaders and to be as successful in the classroom as they are on the basketball court; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Darnell Dozier on the occasion of his induction into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Darnell Dozier as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding achievements.

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