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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 693

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Commending Marty L. Miller.

Patrons—Hayes, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Carr, Cole, M.L., Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Jenkins, Kory, McQuinn, Rasoul, Reid, Simonds and Ware; Senators: Spruill, Boysko, Deeds and Howell

WHEREAS, Marty L. Miller, Norfolk State University athletics director and the longest-tenured athletics director in the history of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, retired in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller is a 1964 graduate of John M. Langston High School in Danville, where he played basketball and was a standout on the baseball diamond, compiling a .684 batting average his senior year and a career average of .513; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller was awarded a scholarship to attend Norfolk State University (NSU), where he was an All-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) player in 1967 and 1968, the same year he led the nation in doubles, and was the college's first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) College Division All-American in baseball; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller joined the United States Army after college and while on active duty was signed by the Minnesota Twins; after leaving the Army, he returned to Norfolk State University and became the school's head baseball coach in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller became the winningest baseball coach in CIAA history; over 32 years, he compiled a record of 718-543-3, won 17 conference championships, and was named CIAA Coach of the Year 15 times; and

WHEREAS, beyond athletics, Marty Miller has served his alma mater in various other capacities for more than 40 years, including working in the areas of financial aid, career services, and student affairs; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller, who became the athletics director at NSU in 2005, has greatly supported his student-athletes throughout his career, ensuring each achieves their dreams both on the field and in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller has fostered the Hampton Roads sports community as past president of the Norfolk Sports Club and as a member of the executive committee for the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame & Museum in Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, to honor Marty Miller's longstanding commitment to NSU and his exemplary contributions to the community, the school dedicated its Marty L. Miller Baseball Field in his honor in 1997; and

WHEREAS, a recent inductee into the Virginia Interscholastic Association Heritage Association Hall of Fame, Marty Miller is a member of the NSU, CIAA, Hampton Roads Sports, Virginia Sports, and Hampton Roads African American Sports halls of fame; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Marty L. Miller, esteemed athletics director at Norfolk State University, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marty L. Miller as an expression of the General Assembly's profound admiration for his distinguished career and best wishes for a long and fulfilling retirement.

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