

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 718

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Commending Marty L. Miller.

Patron—Hayes

WHEREAS, Marty L. Miller, the esteemed former baseball coach and athletics director of Norfolk State University, will be inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller was a standout member of the baseball team at John M. Langston High School in Danville and was awarded a scholarship to attend Norfolk State University (NSU); and

WHEREAS, during his college career, Marty Miller 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 served his country as a second lieutenant in the United States Army and was signed by the Minnesota Twins of Major League Baseball, but ultimately returned to Norfolk State University and served as the institution's head baseball coach from 1973 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 32 years as head coach of the NSU Spartans, Marty Miller compiled an impressive record of 718-543-3; he became the winningest baseball coach in CIAA history, led the team to 17 conference championships and 12 postseason appearances, and was named CIAA Coach of the Year 15 times; and

WHEREAS, 22 of Marty Miller's former players went on to sign professional baseball contracts, and he inspired members of his teams to achieve success in the classroom and in their communities, as well as on the baseball field; and

WHEREAS, Marty Miller continued to support student-athletes at NSU as athletics director from 2005 to 2020 and was a leader in 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, Marty Miller has been inducted into the Virginia Interscholastic Association Heritage Association Hall of Fame, as well as the NSU, CIAA, Hampton Roads Sports, Virginia Sports, and Hampton Roads African American Sports halls of fame; and

WHEREAS, as a 2022 inductee into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Marty Miller joins an elite group of more than 300 distinguished baseball coaches, and he will be recognized at the organization's annual convention on January 7, 2022; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Marty L. Miller hereby be commended on his induction into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame; 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 House of Delegates' admiration for his athletic achievements and legacy of contributions to young people in Norfolk.

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