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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 290

Offered February 24, 2022

Commending Carroll Ashburn and Demetrius Means.

Patrons—Ransone; Senators: McDougale and Stuart

WHEREAS, Carroll Ashburn and Demetrius Means, one of the most successful teams of radio sportscasters in the Commonwealth, have served the Northern Neck community for more than 25 years as the voices of local high school basketball; and

WHEREAS, the dynamic duo got their start when New York-native Demetrius Means was watching a basketball game at Lancaster High School, where his wife was serving as assistant principal, and impressed WKWI 101.7 FM owner Tom Davis with his knowledge of the game; and

WHEREAS, Tom Davis was inspired to pair Demetrius Means, who provided comprehensive basketball analysis, with Kilmarnock-native Carroll Ashburn, a play-by-play specialist, resulting in one of the most prolific partnerships in Virginia sportscasting history; and

WHEREAS, over the course of their career together, Carroll Ashburn and Demetrius Means covered five state championship finals involving three local schools, and many other notable games, including a defensive struggle between Northumberland High School and Washington and Lee High School with a rare score of 3-0 at halftime; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Ashburn and Demetrius Means' duties occasionally turned to hard news journalism, such as when they were swept up in a riot and continued to broadcast throughout the event; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Ashburn and Demetrius Means traveled from Southwest Virginia to the Eastern Shore and cultivated an unparalleled love of the game that was evident in the broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Ashburn and Demetrius Means have been recognized multiple times by the Virginia Association of Broadcasters, and they helped generations of Northern Neck basketball fans develop and better understanding and a greater appreciation for the sport; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Carroll Ashburn and Demetrius Means for their contributions to high school sports in the Northern Neck; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Carroll Ashburn and Demetrius Means as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their achievements and best wishes for the future.

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