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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 338

Offered March 3, 2022

Commending Douglas R. Tarring.

Patrons—Hudson; Senator: Deeds

WHEREAS, Douglas R. Tarring, a legendary coach who spent 31 seasons at St. Anne's-Belfield School in Charlottesville, will be inducted into the National Interscholastic Lacrosse Coaches Association Hall of Fame in Plandome, New York, on March 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Douglas Tarring, affectionately known by his players and fans as "Coach T," learned the game of lacrosse on the fields of St. Paul's School; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Tarring played lacrosse as an attackman at the University of Virginia from 1969 to 1972, helping his team win two national titles; and

WHEREAS, following graduation, Douglas Tarring began coaching the junior varsity team at St. Anne's-Belfield School in 1973 and went on to play a major role in establishing lacrosse at the school, in Charlottesville, and throughout Central Virginia over his next three decades as a coach; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Tarring became the head coach of St. Anne's-Belfield School's varsity lacrosse program in 1979 and held the position until 2009; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Tarring was the winningest boys' high school lacrosse coach in the Commonwealth during his tenure as head coach, winning 407 games against only 132 losses while leading the school to seven state titles; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these achievements, Douglas Tarring's legacy includes coaching countless high school All-Americans as well as more than 100 players who went on to play in either college or beyond; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Tarring served for many years as president of the National Interscholastic Lacrosse Coaches Association and was a coaching member of the Team USA U19 world championship team in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Tarring has shared his knowledge and love of the game his entire career and every lacrosse player in the Commonwealth owes him a debt of gratitude for the vibrant lacrosse culture that exists in the Commonwealth today; and

WHEREAS, by embodying the ideals of competitiveness, compassion, heroism, and humility throughout his life, Douglas Tarring has been an inspiration to countless players, coaches, and others in the Commonwealth and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Douglas R. Tarring on the occasion of his induction into the National Interscholastic Lacrosse 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 Douglas R. Tarring as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his accomplishments and contributions to the Commonwealth.

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