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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 835

Offered February 20, 2023

*Commending James Aaron Boyd.*

Patrons—Hayes, Clark, Lopez, Rasoul, Ware and Watts; Senator: Howell

WHEREAS, James Aaron Boyd is a native of Hampton Roads who went on to reach the highest echelons of football as a member of the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, as the quarterback of the Indian River High School football team of Chesapeake, James Boyd threw the decisive fourth-quarter touchdown pass that secured the team's 1995 Virginia High School League Group AAA, Division 6 state title; and

WHEREAS, James Boyd posted remarkable numbers both on offense and defense at Indian River High School, earning first-team All-American honors from *USA Today* and *Parade*, as well as two first-team All-State selections from the Associated Press; and

WHEREAS, James Boyd played free safety for the Penn State University Nittany Lions, where his exceptional play in the 2000 season gained him recognition as one of 12 semifinalists for the Jim Thorpe Award, which is presented annually to the best defensive back in college football, as well as All-American third-team accolades; and

WHEREAS, James Boyd recorded 233 tackles while playing for the Penn State Nittany Lions and became only the thirteenth player in school history to record more than 100 tackles in a season with 109 tackles, a school record for defensive backs at the time; and

WHEREAS, James Boyd was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the third round of the 2001 National Football League Draft and over two seasons with the team recorded 11 solo tackles; and

WHEREAS, James Boyd's accomplishments are the results of his hard work and dedication and serve as inspiration to countless young athletes throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend James Aaron Boyd for a successful football career at Indian River High School and Penn State University and in the National Football League; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James Aaron Boyd as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements.

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