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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 340

Offered February 21, 1996

Commending Harry Johnson.

Patron—Clement

Consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Harry Johnson, a teacher at George Washington High School in Danville for 30 years and head basketball coach for 19 years, will retire in June 1996; and

WHEREAS, during Harry Johnson's tenure as head basketball coach, the George Washington Eagles have never experienced a losing season; and

WHEREAS, reflective of the consistent coaching of Harry Johnson, the Eagles have won Western District titles in three decades, the 1970s, the 1980s, and the 1990s, with another likely in 1996; and

WHEREAS, the George Washington High School basketball team also won the Northwest Region championship in 1986, and finished the 1986-87 regular season with an unblemished 23-0 record; and

WHEREAS, Harry Johnson's final year of coaching has turned out to be memorable, as the George Washington Eagles have finished the regular season undefeated, are ranked the top team in Virginia by the Associated Press for the first time, and are nationally ranked by two prominent newspaper polls; and

WHEREAS, that the players on his final team would play so well in honor of their coach is indicative of the rare affection and loyalty inspired by Harry Johnson, whose unique abilities as mentor, teacher, and coach graced his three decades at George Washington High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Harry Johnson on the completion of an exemplary career of teaching and coaching at George Washington High School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Harry Johnson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for his efforts on behalf of the young people of Danville and the Commonwealth.

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