1996 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 96

Commending Phil Robbins.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 26, 1996 Agreed to by the Senate, February 1, 1996

WHEREAS, the success of the Powell Valley High School football team has achieved near-legendary status in Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Vikings from Big Stone Gap have captured six state, Group A, Division II championships, including the last two in a row; and

WHEREAS, while it should be noted that highly skilled and motivated young men have won these titles, one figure has remained constant—Head Coach Phil Robbins; and

WHEREAS, Phil Robbins' unique abilities to blend the talents of individual players and create the teamwork necessary to achieve victory on the field are the essential and unchanging ingredients in the success of the Vikings; and

WHEREAS, during the Vikings' undefeated 1995 season, which ended with Phil Robbins' fifth state title, he was named Coach of the Year in the Lonesome Pine District, the state Region D and in the entire Southwest Virginia region; and

WHEREAS, during Phil Robbins' tenure at Powell Valley High School the Vikings have won eight district titles and seven regional titles; and

WHEREAS, as a final 1995 honor, Phil Robbins was named Coach of the West Team in the annual Virginia High School Coaches Association All-Star game, to be played in July 1996; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Coach Phil Robbins for his extraordinary career at Powell Valley High School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Coach Phil Robbins as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his unparalleled success.

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