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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5046

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Celebrating the life of Tom Fletcher.

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WHEREAS, Tom Fletcher, hometown hero, respected citizen, and legendary football coach, died on July 10, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Tom Fletcher graduated from St. Paul High School, played for the Deacons football team, and continued his football career while earning his undergraduate degree at Hampden-Sydney College; and

WHEREAS, an excellent athlete with a keen knowledge of football, Tom Fletcher was destined to become an extraordinary and experienced coach, returning briefly to work as a coach at St. Paul High School and then at Castlewood and Saltville high schools; and

WHEREAS, determined to further his education, as well as his coaching career, Tom Fletcher worked as a graduate assistant while a student at the University of Virginia, and after completing his master's degree, landed an assistant coaching position with the Cavaliers; and

WHEREAS, having built a reputation for superior coaching and recruiting talents, Tom Fletcher became an assistant under Coach Bill Dooley at the University of North Carolina and then at Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, after coaching for over a decade, Tom Fletcher served in administrative posts at Virginia Tech, Catawba College, and Longwood University; and

WHEREAS, after a remarkable and rewarding career, Tom Fletcher returned to his alma mater, St. Paul High School, where he served as an assistant principal and coach of the Deacons football team; and

WHEREAS, Tom Fletcher touched the lives of countless young people across the Commonwealth, generously giving of his time and enormous resources as their revered counselor and coach; and

WHEREAS, Tom Fletcher will be fondly remembered for his devotion to St. Paul High School and the community of St. Paul and will be sorely missed by his devoted wife, Betsy, other loving family members, and friends, as well as his players, staff, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the passing of an outstanding coach and fine Virginian, Tom Fletcher; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Tom Fletcher as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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