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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 403

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*Commending Frank Miriello.*

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WHEREAS, Frank Miriello has been head football coach at Washington and Lee University in Lexington since 1995 and is the most winning football coach in school history, with an overall record of 90 - 79 - 1; he led the Generals to two conference titles and two NCAA tournament appearances; and

WHEREAS, Frank Miriello, whose love for the game of football and his dedication to the student-athletes at Washington and Lee University have been key determinants to the school's football success, focused on setting realistic objectives and goals with each team that he coached; and

WHEREAS, each season Frank Miriello worked with his players to achieve certain milestones, and the teams rallied behind the coach and his staff; "doing things that haven't been done" was the teams' motto and motivation; and

WHEREAS, Frank Miriello's commitment to his teams resulted in a steady focus on preparation and not on winning championships; he emphasized commitment and improvement—principles that helped produce his overall winning percentage of .532; and

WHEREAS, the Washington and Lee Generals won the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) title twice during Frank Miriello's tenure; teams that he coached also twice competed in the NCAA tournament; and

WHEREAS, Frank Miriello's success has been recognized by his peers, as he was chosen ODAC Coach of the Year five times, and in 2006, he was named the American Football Coaches Association South Region Coach of the Year and SportExe Division III Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, after 45 years coaching football at the collegiate and high school level, Frank Miriello retired from coaching in January 2012, leaving on a high note, as his teams had stellar seasons in 2010 and 2011; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend an outstanding and dedicated head football coach, Frank Miriello; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Frank Miriello as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for his success and hard work.

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