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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 304

Offered February 16, 2016

Commending Michael Burnett.

Patrons—Minchew, LaRock, Bell, John J., Boysko, Carr, Hope, Kory, Krizek, Landes and Ware;
Senators: Wexton, Edwards, Favola, Howell, Ruff and Wagner

WHEREAS, Michael Burnett, head coach of the Tuscarora High School football team of Leesburg, was named the Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year for his exceptional leadership and commitment to his players; and

WHEREAS, the Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year award is presented annually by the National Football League (NFL) Foundation to honor coaches who demonstrate a strong commitment to player health and safety, as well as the leadership and integrity exemplified by Don Shula, the winningest coach in league history; and

WHEREAS, Michael "Mike" Burnett, who led the Tuscarora High School football team to a 13 - 1 record and a trip to the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Group 5A North regional final in 2015, was nominated for the award by the Washington Redskins; and

WHEREAS, an experienced coach, Mike Burnett also led the Tuscarora High School football team to the VHSL Group 5A state championship game in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mike Burnett hosted a USA Football Heads Up Tackling coaching clinic with his staff to ensure that student-athletes learn and utilize proper tackling techniques, increasing the safety of all players; and

WHEREAS, an experienced coach, Mike Burnett previously led the Broad Run High School football team to consecutive state championships in 2008 and 2009, before joining Tuscarora High School in its inaugural year in 2010; he teaches advanced placement economics and serves as chair of the social studies department; and

WHEREAS, as the winner of the Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year, Mike Burnett received a \$25,000 prize, including \$15,000 for the Tuscarora High School football team; he was also invited to walk the red carpet at the NFL Honors award show and was a guest of the NFL at Super Bowl 50; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Michael Burnett on receiving the Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael Burnett as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements in service to the youth of Loudoun County.

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