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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 830

Offered January 26, 2017

*Commending Sam Rogers.*

Patrons—Peace, Yost and Fowler; Senators: Chase and Obenshain

WHEREAS, Sam Rogers, a versatile fullback with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University football team capped off his senior season with a win in the Belk Bowl on December 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mechanicsville, Sam Rogers played football with the Hanover High School Hawks, starting at quarterback in his freshman and sophomore years, transitioning to linebacker and tight end after an injury in his junior year, and playing multiple positions, including quarterback, in his senior year; he was recognized as the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* All-Metro Offensive Player of the Year in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Sam Rogers joined the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) football team as a walk-on in 2013; he earned a starting spot at fullback in his freshman year and went on to play in 53 straight games in his college career, finishing with a 32 - 21 record and 11 career touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, during the 2016 season, Sam Rogers led the Virginia Tech Hokies as team captain; he scored six touchdowns and amassed 283 yards on 67 rushing attempts, averaging 4.2 yards per carry, and 301 yards on 24 receptions, averaging 12.5 yards; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2016, Sam Rogers helped lead the Virginia Tech Hokies to a 52 - 10 victory over the University of Virginia Cavaliers in the Atlantic Coast Conference Coastal Division championship; wearing the number 25 jersey of Virginia Tech legend Frank Beamer, Sam Rogers recorded 105 yards in 15 carries for two touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, during the 2016 Belk Bowl, a dramatic 35 - 24 win over the University of Arkansas, Sam Rogers caught two receptions for 14 yards and one touchdown; and

WHEREAS, a dynamic player who was admired throughout his career for his toughness, work ethic, and intelligence, Sam Rogers demonstrated leadership on and off the field; an excellent student, he graduated in three and a half years with a 3.2 GPA and a bachelor's degree in human nutrition, foods, and exercise, a restricted major requiring students to maintain high grades; and

WHEREAS, as a devoted member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sam Rogers led group meetings and shared his faith with fellow members of the football team as a junior chaplain; he was also a member of the Student Hokie Club, which provides scholarships to Virginia Tech's student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Sam Rogers was named the Outstanding Senior and Outstanding Offensive Back by his teammates, and he was recognized nationally as a Second Team All-American by *Pro Football Focus*; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sam Rogers for his exceptional college football career with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sam Rogers as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his incredible athletic achievements and best wishes for the future.

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