

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 916

Commending Joe Taylor.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 12, 2019
Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2019

WHEREAS, Joe Taylor, Virginia Union University athletic director, has been named to the 2019 College Football Hall of Fame in acknowledgement of his remarkable coaching career; and

WHEREAS, Joe Taylor is a legend in college football who has won four national championships, 14 conference championships, and seven bowl games, and has an overall record of 233 - 96 - 4; and

WHEREAS, Joe Taylor is a graduate of Western Illinois University where he played offensive line for the Leathernecks under College Football Hall of Fame coach Darrell Mudra; and

WHEREAS, Joe Taylor's coaching career began at H.D. Woodson High School in his hometown of Washington, D.C., from 1972 to 1977; his first college coaching job was as an assistant at Eastern Illinois University, where he helped lead the program to the 1978 NCAA Division II championship; and

WHEREAS, Joe Taylor first arrived at Virginia Union University as former coach Willard Bailey's offensive coordinator in 1979; after four seasons, he accepted the head coaching post at Howard University in 1983, but soon returned to Virginia Union University as head coach, where he compiled a 60 - 19 - 3 record, with three NCAA Tournament appearances from 1984 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, Joe Taylor then went on to continue his successful career at Hampton University from 1992 to 2007, where he became the Pirates' all-time winning coach; he led the Florida A & M Rattlers from 2008 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement in 2012, Joe Taylor ranked 33rd in victories among all coaches and third among coaches at historically black colleges and universities; a former president of the American Football Coaches Association, he also served on the advisory board of the Black Coaches Association, receiving many lifetime achievement awards, and is enshrined in halls of fame of numerous associations and universities that he served; and

WHEREAS, Joe Taylor will receive the 2019 College Football Hall of Fame award at the induction ceremony on December 10, 2019 at the New York Hilton Midtown and the final ceremony will take place at the Peach Bowl in Atlanta later that month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Joe Taylor, Virginia Union University athletic director, for being named to the 2019 College Football Hall of Fame; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joe Taylor, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his dedication to football and his remarkable coaching career.

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