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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 144

Offered February 24, 2020

*Commending Gary Rice.*

Patrons—Deeds; Delegate: Austin

WHEREAS, Gary Rice, longtime head coach of the Alleghany High School varsity baseball team, coached his last game on May 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Gary Rice coached high school baseball for over half a century; his career began at Valley High School in 1969, and after one year as a varsity assistant at Bath County High School and 10 years as the junior varsity coach at Alleghany County High School, he began a 40-year run as the head coach of the varsity teams at Alleghany County High School and Alleghany High School; and

WHEREAS, in his 36 years at Alleghany High School, which was formed in 1983 with the consolidation of Alleghany County High School and Clifton Forge High School, Gary Rice recorded 511 wins, leading the Alleghany High School Mountaineers to a state championship game in 2008 and a state semifinal game the following year; and

WHEREAS, Gary Rice retired with a career record of 565-269-5, third on the Virginia High School League's all-time win list; his impressive legacy is enshrined in the Alleghany High School Athletic Hall of Fame, the Covington High School Hall of Fame, and the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his leadership on the baseball diamond, Gary Rice has also mentored and supported the youth of Alleghany for 36 years as a physical education teacher at Alleghany High School; and

WHEREAS, Gary Rice's impact on the lives of countless student-athletes and the Alleghany community at large is immeasurable; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Gary Rice, legendary coach of the Alleghany High School varsity baseball team, on the occasion of his retirement in 2019; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Gary Rice as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his remarkable career and service to the Commonwealth.

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