

## 2021 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 276

*Commending Phillip Twine.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, Phillip Twine, a longtime educator and coach at Oscar Smith Middle School and Oscar Smith High School of Chesapeake, retired in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Phillip Twine was among the first nine African American students to enroll at Oscar Smith High School, demonstrating from a young age the qualities of leadership and commitment that would make him a role model for so many in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, a star and co-captain of the Oscar Smith High School football team, Phillip Twine would go on to excel as a running back at Norfolk State University, where he studied to become an educator; and

WHEREAS, beginning his teaching career in Portsmouth, Phillip Twine would shortly thereafter return to his hometown of Chesapeake, where he dedicated 43 years as an educator and coach at Oscar Smith Middle School, touching countless lives along the way; and

WHEREAS, as an assistant high school football coach, Phillip Twine cultivated and inspired some of the region's top youth talent; among his many accomplishments were three state championship titles, two with Oscar Smith High School in 2008 and 2011 and one with Indian River High School in 1995; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his tireless and uncompromising dedication to his students, the gymnasium at Oscar Smith Middle School was named after Phillip Twine in 2005, preserving his legacy at the school for years to come; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Phillip Twine plans to assist his son, Andre Twine, who serves as the head football coach at Deep Creek High School of Chesapeake, ensuring future generations of young athletes will benefit from his exceptional wisdom and integrity; and

WHEREAS, through the unwavering support he showed his students, both in and out of the classroom, Phillip Twine has enabled innumerable young people to fulfill their potential and thrive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Phillip Twine, beloved educator and coach at Oscar Smith Middle School and Oscar Smith High School, hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Phillip Twine as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his remarkable career and lasting contributions to the Commonwealth.

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