SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 392

Commending Darnell Dozier.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 4, 2021 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, Darnell Dozier, the record-breaking coach of the Princess Anne High School girls' basketball team, was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Suffolk, Darnell Dozier served his country as a member of the United States Army for 13 years and began his athletics career as an assistant basketball coach in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Darnell Dozier returned to the Commonwealth as an assistant coach at Princess Anne High School, then became head coach of the girls' basketball team in 1995; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Darnell Dozier has turned the Princess Anne Cavaliers into a perennial powerhouse, recording 10 state championship wins in 13 appearances, as well as 11 regional titles and 22 district titles; and

WHEREAS, Darnell Dozier earned his milestone 600th career victory in 2018 and currently holds the record for the fourth-highest number of wins in Virginia High School League history; and

WHEREAS, Darnell Dozier has drawn upon his experience in the military to inspire and motivate his student-athletes, and his teams have been known for their excellent physical conditioning and high-powered defensive play; and

WHEREAS, Darnell Dozier also works diligently to help his athletes grow as community leaders and to be as successful in the classroom as they are on the basketball court; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Darnell Dozier on the occasion of his induction into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Darnell Dozier as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding achievements.