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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 639

Commending Robert Jones.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 1, 2022

WHEREAS, Robert Jones, head coach of the Norfolk State University men's basketball team for the past nine seasons, was named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and the Hugh Durham National Coach of the Year in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in the 2021-2022 season, Robert Jones led his team to an impressive 24-7 record, including a 12-2 record in Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) play and a perfect 11-0 record at home; and

WHEREAS, during the 2021-2022 season, Robert Jones became the third coach in Norfolk State University men's basketball program history to win more than 100 games and the first to do so since the program began competing at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I level; and

WHEREAS, for the second year in a row, Robert Jones and the Norfolk State Spartans won the MEAC regular season title, the MEAC tournament championship, and a bid to the NCAA men's basketball tournament; and

WHEREAS, over his tenure as head coach of the Norfolk State University men's basketball team, Robert Jones has led his squad to three 20-plus win seasons, three MEAC regular season titles, and two MEAC tournament championships; and

WHEREAS, following the Norfolk State Spartans' success in the 2022 MEAC tournament championship, Robert Jones was recognized as the tournament's Most Outstanding Coach; and

WHEREAS, Robert Jones recently led Team McLendon to victory in the inaugural Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) All-Star Game, which was held on April 3, 2022, at UNO Lakefront Arena in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, along with being selected by his peers for MEAC Coach of the Year honors for the second time in four years, Robert Jones also received the 2022 Hugh Durham National Coach of the Year Award, which recognizes the top head coach from a mid-major NCAA Division I basketball program; and

WHEREAS, Robert Jones' accolades and accomplishments are a testament to his tireless dedication to his student-athletes and the entire Norfolk State University community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Robert Jones, head coach of the Norfolk State University men's basketball team, hereby be commended for being named the 2022 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and the 2022 Hugh Durham National Coach of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert Jones as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his achievements and best wishes in his future endeavors.