## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 444**

Commending Stuart Russ.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, for more than five and a half decades, Stuart Russ served young people in Sussex County and Southampton County as an educator, school administrator, and athletics coach; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Russ began his career in education in 1967 and served as a teacher and assistant principal at Wakefield Elementary School until 1969, when he joined Annie B. Jackson Elementary School in Waverly as a fifth grade teacher and head coach of the girls' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, from 1970 to 2003, Stuart Russ worked at Tidewater Academy in Wakefield, serving as a business and driver's education teacher, athletic director, and coach of the girls' basketball team, softball team, and football team; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Russ led the Tidewater Academy girls' basketball team to a conference championship in 1994 and was selected as the conference coach of the year; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Russ joined Southampton Academy in Courtland in 2003 and taught physical education in the lower school, in addition to coaching the girls' volleyball team and the boys' junior varsity basketball team, which he led to an undefeated season in 2004-2005; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Russ recorded more than 300 career wins in various sports and gave countless young people the tools and support they needed to achieve their fullest potential in and out of the classroom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Stuart Russ hereby be commended for his service as a teacher, administrator, and coach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Stuart Russ as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his achievements on behalf of young people in the Commonwealth.