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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 378**

Offered March 7, 2022

*Commending John Wayne Hite.*

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WHEREAS, John Wayne Hite has served as a youth athletics official for Virginia High School League, private school, and local sports association matches for six decades; and

WHEREAS, John "Slim" Hite joined the Virginia High School League in 1962 and has officiated football, baseball, softball, volleyball, and basketball games over the course of his distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Slim Hite served as commissioner of boys' and girls' basketball for the Valley Basketball Officials Association from 1978 to 1980, the commissioner of baseball for the Valley Officials Association from 1984 to 2002, and the commissioner of softball for the Valley Officials Association from 1984 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, since 2013, Slim Hite has been an active member of the Shenandoah Basketball Officials Association; and

WHEREAS, Slim Hite also served as athletics director of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind and organized the Mason-Dixon Girls Volleyball Tournament when it was held at the school; and

WHEREAS, well known and highly admired for his incomparable work ethic, Slim Hite often officiated multiple games at different schools in the same day and was a reliable substitute when other officials were unavailable; and

WHEREAS, Slim Hite set an excellent example for young people in the community through his selfless dedication and exceptional commitment to service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John Wayne Hite for his achievements as a youth athletics official; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John Wayne Hite as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his legacy of contributions to young people in the Shenandoah Valley.

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