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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 197

Offered February 4, 2022

Commending Larry Parpart.

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WHEREAS, Larry Parpart, the distinguished former head coach of the boys' basketball team and current head coach of the girls' tennis team at Douglas Freeman High School, was inducted into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame with the class of 2021; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Hermitage High School in Henrico County, Larry Parpart returned to his alma mater to begin his career as an educator and an athletics coach, leading the boys' cross country team to a state championship victory in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Larry Parpart joined Douglas Freeman High School as an assistant basketball coach in 1978 and was elevated to head coach in 1985; over the next 33 years, he led the boys' basketball team to 536 career wins, 25 winning seasons, and back-to-back regional championship titles in 1995 and 1996; and

WHEREAS, Larry Parpart also coached the Douglas Freeman High School girls' tennis team to 20 district titles, 11 regional titles, and two state titles in 1983 and 2021; he is the only coach in Virginia High School League history with more than 500 wins in both boys' basketball and girls' tennis; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Douglas Freeman High School renamed its basketball court Parpart Pavilion to honor Larry Parpart's incredible contributions to generations of student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, admired for his keen insights, graciousness, and humility, Larry Parpart worked diligently to ensure that the members of his teams knew the value of sportsmanship and respect and had the tools to achieve success both on and off the court; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Larry Parpart on the occasion of his induction into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Larry Parpart as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding achievements and legacy of service to young people in the Commonwealth.

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