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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 227

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Commending Tommy Reamon, Sr.

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WHEREAS, Tommy Reamon, Sr., a former football player who touched the lives of countless young people as an educator and football coach in Hampton Roads, retired after 35 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Reamon, Sr., grew up in Newport News and was a standout member of the George W. Carver High School football team, rushing for more than 1,000 yards and scoring 20 touchdowns to help the team finish with a 9-0-1 record in his senior season; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Reamon, Sr., was a multisport athlete who also had success on the basketball, baseball, and track teams in high school; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Reamon, Sr., focused on football for his collegiate career and helped lead the Fort Scott Community College football team to a Junior College Athletic Association national championship in 1971; he rushed for 5,200 yards and scored 46 touchdowns in two years; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Reamon, Sr., continued playing football at the University of Missouri, adding another 2,765 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns, as well as earning several national accolades; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Tommy Reamon, Sr., joined the Florida Blazers in the World Football League and led the league with 1,875 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns; he was voted the most valuable player in the league and the most valuable player in the 1974 championship game; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Reamon, Sr., subsequently played for the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Kansas City Chiefs, and what is now the Washington Commanders in the National Football League (NFL) and the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the Canadian Football League; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Reamon, Sr., later moved to Los Angeles, California, and pursued a career as an actor and producer, appearing in several movies and television shows until he returned to Hampton Roads in 1988; and

WHEREAS, that year, Tommy Reamon, Sr., became the head football coach at Manor High School in Portsmouth; he also served as a head coach at Homer L. Ferguson High School, Warwick High School, Gloucester High School, and Landstown High School; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Reamon, Sr., was a trusted mentor to generations of student-athletes and helped them achieve success on and off the football field; he coached two future NFL quarterbacks and helped more than 2,000 young people earn scholarships or financial aid packages for college; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Tommy Reamon, Sr., worked with his son, Tommy, Jr., to establish the City on My Chest Academy, which will help local youths connect with college recruiters and make informed decisions about continuing their athletic careers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Tommy Reamon, Sr., hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as a high school football coach in Hampton Roads; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tommy Reamon, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his legacy of contributions to young people as an educator and coach.

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