

2001 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 726

Commending Hameen Ali.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 19, 2001
Agreed to by the Senate, January 25, 2001

WHEREAS, Hameen Ali, against all odds, will graduate from The College of William and Mary in the spring of 2001; and

WHEREAS, the product of a broken home, a young man whose father has never been a part of his life and whose mother abandoned him at a young age, Hameen Ali has overcome incredible odds to arrive at the brink of success; and

WHEREAS, at age 12, after living in an unheated home and for a time in an abandoned station wagon, Hameen Ali spent the rest of his childhood in a Dover, Delaware, group home; and

WHEREAS, through sheer effort and strength of will, Hameen Ali concentrated on academics and athletics and won a football scholarship to The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, concluding his football career in the fall of 2000, Hameen Ali, who was the football team's leading rusher during his sophomore and junior seasons, became William and Mary's eighth all-time leading rusher and scored 21 touchdowns during his career; and

WHEREAS, more important, Hameen Ali is on track to graduate from William and Mary with a degree in information management in the spring of 2001; and

WHEREAS, Hameen Ali's remarkable success has won him national acclaim, and he was honored in December 2000 with the Disney Wide World of Sports Spirit Award at a ceremony broadcast by ESPN; and

WHEREAS, Hameen Ali is the fifth recipient of the Spirit Award, which annually goes to "college football's most inspirational athlete, who displays a sense of courage and an undying love for the game, while overcoming adversity on or off the field"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Hameen Ali for his inspirational courage in overcoming a dismal childhood to succeed as a young adult; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Hameen Ali as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his accomplishments and best wishes for continued success.

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