

# 2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 655

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4 *Commending Robert Jones.*

5 Patrons—Hayes, Anthony, Askew, Callsen, Clark, Feggans, Glass, Mundon King, Scott, D., Sewell and Ward

6 WHEREAS, in 2024, Robert Jones, head coach of the Norfolk State University men's basketball  
7 team, was selected as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and the BOXTOROW  
8 HBCU Coach of the Year; and

9 WHEREAS, Robert Jones is a graduate of the State University of New York at New Paltz, where he  
10 was a four-time letter winner on the basketball team; he began his coaching career at the high school  
11 and Division III college levels, including a two-year stint at his alma mater; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert Jones joined the Norfolk State University (NSU) men's basketball team as an  
13 assistant coach in 2007 and was promoted to associate head coach in 2012; he was selected as interim  
14 head coach in 2013 and officially named head coach during his first year at the helm; and

15 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Robert Jones, the NSU Spartans have set numerous Division I  
16 program records, including best scoring margin, best three-point field goal percentage, fewest losses, and  
17 more; and

18 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Robert Jones has coached two dozen All-Mid-Eastern Athletic  
19 Conference (MEAC) honorees and led the NSU Spartans to three MEAC regular season titles, two  
20 MEAC Tournament championship titles, and a National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament First  
21 Four victory; and

22 WHEREAS, with a winning percentage of .743, Robert Jones ranks fifth in the nation with at least  
23 100 games played, and he was previously selected as MEAC Coach of the Year for the 2018-2019 and  
24 2021-2022 seasons; and

25 WHEREAS, during the 2023-2024 season, Robert Jones led the NSU Spartans to an 11-3 conference  
26 record and a 21-10 overall record; the team was ranked first in the conference in steals, turnover margin,  
27 scoring defense, allowing only 67.7 points per game, and opponent field goal percentage, holding  
28 opposing teams to an average of 40.8 shooting percentage; and

29 WHEREAS, in addition to winning the MEAC regular season title, Robert Jones and the NSU  
30 Spartans finished their 2023-2024 season on a high note, defeating the Purdue University Fort Wayne  
31 Mastodons by a score of 75-67 at the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament in March 2024; now,  
32 therefore, be it

33 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Robert Jones hereby be commended on his selection as  
34 the 2024 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and the BOXTOROW HBCU Coach of  
35 the Year; and, be it

36 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution  
37 for presentation to Robert Jones as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his  
38 achievements as a coach and contributions to the Norfolk State University community.

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