

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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1 **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 659**

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4 *Commending Larry Vickers.*

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

6 WHEREAS, Larry Vickers, head coach of the Norfolk State University women's basketball team, was
7 selected as the 2023-2024 Coach of the Year for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference after leading the
8 team to a regular season title and its first conference tournament victory since 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Norfolk State University (NSU), Larry Vickers was a team captain of the
10 men's basketball team and helped lead a significant improvement of the team's overall academic
11 performance as a player; and

12 WHEREAS, Larry Vickers began his coaching career as an assistant with the men's basketball team,
13 then became an associate head coach for three years; he joined the women's basketball team as interim
14 head coach near the end of the 2015-2016 season and led the team to its only three victories that year;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Larry Vickers has played a vital role in the growth and development of NSU's women's
17 basketball program and has led the team to the most successful period of its Division I era; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2022-2023, Larry Vickers earned Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Coach of
19 the Year honors after a season that saw the NSU Spartans go 26-7 overall and 11-3 in conference play,
20 while winning the regular season title and making an appearance in the national tournament; and

21 WHEREAS, Larry Vickers repeated as Coach of the Year in 2023-2024 by guiding the NSU
22 Spartans to another MEAC regular season title, a MEAC tournament title, and a 92.9 percent winning
23 percentage in conference play, the best in program history; and

24 WHEREAS, emphasizing a staunch defense, Larry Vickers helped the NSU Spartans earn national
25 accolades for their overall scoring defense and their skill in forcing turnovers; he has earned the respect
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32 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Larry Vickers, head coach of the Norfolk State
33 University women's basketball team, hereby be commended on the occasion of his selection as the
34 2023-2024 Coach of the Year for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference; and, be it

32 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
33 for presentation to Larry Vickers as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his
34 outstanding achievements.

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