Assembly Resolution No. 734

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HONORING Coach Keith Smith upon the occasion of his retirement, recognizing his 40 years of dedicated service to Yorktown Track and Field

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities and across this great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Coach Keith Smith upon the occasion of his retirement, recognizing his extraordinary 40-year coaching career with the Yorktown High School Track and Field Program; and

WHEREAS, Throughout four decades of dedication, Coach Keith Smith has shaped not only the athletic skill but also the character, discipline, and determination of hundreds of student-athletes, leaving a lasting legacy in both Yorktown and the wider Section 1 athletic community; and

WHEREAS, Under Coach Keith Smith's steadfast leadership, the Yorktown Track and Field teams achieved numerous league, sectional, and invitational titles, consistently earning respect for their excellence, sportsmanship, and unity; and

WHEREAS, Coach Keith Smith's influence extended beyond the track, as he fostered a culture of academic achievement, personal integrity, and community pride among his athletes, many of whom have gone on to succeed in college athletics and professional life; and

WHEREAS, Coach Keith Smith was known not only for his tactical knowledge and coaching acumen, but for his unwavering belief in every student's potential, encouraging athletes of all abilities to push their limits and support one another; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his coaching success, Coach Keith Smith has served as a mentor, educator, and role model to generations of students, contributing to the broader mission of public education and youth development; and

WHEREAS, Coach Keith Smith's retirement marks the conclusion of an era in Yorktown athletics, but his values, leadership, and dedication will continue to resonate through the lives of those he has coached, mentored, and inspired; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Coach Keith Smith upon the occasion of his retirement, recognizing his 40 years of exemplary service to Yorktown Track and Field and to the community at large; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach Keith Smith.