

2001 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 887

Commending Harry J. Parrish.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2001

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2001

WHEREAS, Delegate Harry J. Parrish was born on February 19, 1922, in Fairfax County, and shortly thereafter his family moved to Manassas, where he has resided ever since; and

WHEREAS, Harry J. Parrish graduated from Osbourn High School in 1940 and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1944, with a major in business administration; and

WHEREAS, Harry J. Parrish entered the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, was assigned to complete his training with the Royal Air Force, and served in the India, Burma, China Theater, where he flew "The Hump"; and

WHEREAS, Harry J. Parrish retired as a command pilot and colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve in 1972; and

WHEREAS, during his years of service with the United States Air Force, Harry J. Parrish was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 1944, Harry J. Parrish married Mattie H. Cannon, and they have one son and one daughter, two granddaughters, and one grandson; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Harry J. Parrish has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Virginia Oil Men's Association and the Virginia Oil Man of the Year Award in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Harry J. Parrish has served as president of the Virginia Municipal League; has served on the boards of directors of United Virginia Bank and Crestar Bank; in 1973 was named the Town of Manassas Man of the Century, Living; and in 1995 he and his wife Mattie served as grand marshals of the Manassas Christmas Parade; and

WHEREAS, Harry J. Parrish is a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, is one of the founders of the Prince William Hospital—where he served for many years on the board of directors—and has been a member of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company since 1948; and

WHEREAS, Harry J. Parrish is a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club of Manassas, the Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce, the American Red Cross, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Society for Preservation of Black Heritage, the Boy Scouts of America, and Manassas Crime Solvers; and

WHEREAS, Harry J. Parrish was elected to the Manassas Town Council in 1951, was elected mayor of the Town of Manassas in 1963, and became the first mayor of the City of Manassas in 1975, serving in that position until 1981; and

WHEREAS, in 1982 Harry J. Parrish was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates from the 50th House District; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the General Assembly, Harry J. Parrish serves as cochairman of the House Finance Committee and as a member of the House Committees on Conservation and Natural Resources, Commerce and Labor, Corporations, Insurance and Banking, and Rules; and

WHEREAS, Harry J. Parrish serves as a member of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, the Virginia Coal and Energy Commission, the Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board, and numerous other state and local legislative and civic boards; and

WHEREAS, in September 2001, Harry J. Parrish will complete 50 years of continuous elected public service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Harry J. Parrish on his 50 years of continuous public service to the people of Manassas, Prince William County, and the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Harry J. Parrish as an expression of the General Assembly's great respect and high regard for his dedicated and effective service to the people of Virginia.

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