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Commending Robert S. Bloxom.

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WHEREAS, Robert S. Bloxom, after 27 years of tireless and dedicated work in the House of Delegates of Virginia, often with special focus on behalf of those Virginians with the greatest needs, announced his retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, vice chairman of the Disability Commission, Robert S. Bloxom demonstrated outstanding commitment and vigorous efforts toward improving the quality of life of Virginians with disabilities throughout his tenure in the House of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Bloxom, ranking seventh in House seniority and long admired by colleagues and voters from all parties, successfully implemented his brand of responsive and responsible government on behalf of those who are most in need; and

WHEREAS, admired for his adherence to principle and courage to stand up for his beliefs, Robert S. Bloxom consistently made difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions and introduced bills that helped to build more supportive communities that include all people; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Bloxom, whose fiscal conservatism was well blended with wisdom, worked to assure that the health, safety, and well-being of children and those with special needs would not be ignored; and

WHEREAS, with great resolve, Robert S. Bloxom introduced and pressed legislation that established an independent agency for the protection and advocacy of persons with mental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Bloxom represented the citizens of the 100th House District honorably and diligently in the House of Delegates since 1978; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Robert S. Bloxom on his retirement from the House of Delegates of Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Delegate Robert S. Bloxom, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration, appreciation, and best wishes.

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