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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 382

Offered March 3, 2010

Commending Joe Frank.

Patrons—BaCote, Abbitt, Abbott, Barlow, Brink, Carr, Dance, Ebbin, Englin, Gear, Herring, Hope, Howell, A.T., Ingram, James, Keam, Kory, Marshall, D.W., McClellan, McQuinn, Merricks, Miller, P.J., Morgan, Oder, Plum, Pogge, Poindexter, Pollard, Shuler, Surovell, Torian, Toscano, Tyler, Ward, Ware, R.L. and Watts; Senator: Locke

WHEREAS, Joe Samuel Frank, mayor of the City of Newport News, is commended for his service to the City of Newport News and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2010, Joe Frank will conclude his 14-year service as mayor of Newport News; and

WHEREAS, during his service as mayor, Joe Frank and Newport News have seen the expansion of Christopher Newport University and the Ferguson Center for the Arts; businesses such as Areva, Cannon, Northrop Grumman, Ferguson Enterprises, and others move to or expand their operations in Newport News; and the development of new centers for the community such as Port Warwick and the new City Center; and

WHEREAS, Joe Frank was born on November 14, 1942, to Harry and Lilyan Frank of Newport News; and

WHEREAS, Joe Frank attended public schools in Newport News, graduating from Newport News High School in 1960; and

WHEREAS, after high school, Joe Frank attended the University of Virginia, graduating with honors, and in 1967, graduated from the University of Virginia Law School; and

WHEREAS, from 1967 to 1972, Joe Frank served in the Virginia National Guard receiving the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service; and

WHEREAS, since graduating law school, Joe Frank has practiced law in Newport News and is currently a partner at the firm of David, Kamp & Frank; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, Joe Frank has served as a member of the Newport News City Council, as vice mayor, and since 1996, as mayor; and

WHEREAS, Joe Frank has also served his community as a member of countless boards, including the Hampton Roads Partnership, Hampton Roads Mayor & Chairs, Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport Task Force, Governor's Urban Policy Task Force, Jewish Federation of the Virginia Peninsula, Rodef Shalom Temple, Newport News Alliance for Youth, and People to People; and

WHEREAS, Joe Frank has been recognized with awards from the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Colonial Boy Scouts of America; and most recently, he was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Eagle Scout Award; and

WHEREAS, Joe Frank has been supported by his wife, Jane Susan Frank; daughters, Melissa Clagg and Shelly Currin; son, Jason Frank; and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Joe Frank's dedication to public service is greatly appreciated by the people of Newport News, Hampton Roads, and the Commonwealth of Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Joe Frank for his service to the City of Newport News and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joe Frank as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his service.

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