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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 866

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Commending Richard M. Nelms.

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WHEREAS, Richard M. Nelms has been an exemplary business leader in the real estate industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia for over 40 years and has retired from his position as president of Long & Foster Real Estate, Richmond/Hampton Roads, SWVA Region; and

WHEREAS, as a graduate of the University of Virginia, Richard Nelms moved to Richmond and established Bowers, Nelms & Fonville Real Estate in 1967, which was consistently recognized not only for its market share but also for the integrity and professionalism of its agents; and

WHEREAS, Richard Nelms merged Bowers, Nelms & Fonville Real Estate with Long & Foster Real Estate in 1998 to become a part of the most dominant real estate firm in the state of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, active in many leadership capacities with the Richmond Association of Realtors, Virginia Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors, Richard Nelms received numerous awards from these associations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional role, Richard Nelms has also played a pivotal leadership role with many civic and charitable organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the Arthritis Foundation, the University of Richmond Corporate Partnership Program, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, the University of Virginia Alumni Association, and numerous other charitable concerns; and

WHEREAS, Richard Nelms truly embodies the qualities of a Virginia Gentleman and has acted accordingly in devoting his professional career to the advancement of others and providing leadership that has improved the quality of life for thousands of citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Richard M. Nelms upon his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard M. Nelms as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration, respect, and good wishes.

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