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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 209

Offered January 25, 2014

Commending Samuel H. Blackburn.

Patrons—Cline; Senator: Deeds

WHEREAS, Samuel H. Blackburn, an able and dedicated public servant who served the Town of Glasgow for nearly 50 years, retired as the mayor of Glasgow in December 2013; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the well-being of his fellow Glasgow residents, Samuel Blackburn ran for and was first elected to the Glasgow Town Council in 1965, and he diligently served the community in this capacity for many years; and

WHEREAS, appointed mayor in 1981, Samuel Blackburn proved to be an outstanding leader; he guided the community through several flood disasters and wisely initiated a flood mitigation project to protect his fellow residents from future events; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Blackburn later joined the steering committee of Shenandoah Valley Project Impact, the region's disaster preparedness and education program, sharing his experience to ensure that other communities in the region are prepared and protected; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Blackburn also helped create the Central Shenandoah Valley Regional All Hazards Mitigation Plan and provided leadership and expertise to the Rockbridge County Industrial Development Authority, the Rockbridge County Building Code Board of Appeals, and the Rockbridge County Regional Jail Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Blackburn further serves the community by donating his time and talents to the Glasgow Life Saving and First Aid Crew and the Glasgow Ruritan Club, and he is a trustee at Glasgow Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Blackburn will spend his well-earned retirement with his wife of 56 years, Helen, and his daughter, Sandra; and

WHEREAS, with a lifetime of service, Samuel Blackburn leaves a legacy of excellence to future leaders of the Town of Glasgow and the region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Samuel H. Blackburn, a hardworking and respected public servant, on the occasion of his retirement as mayor of the Town of Glasgow; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Samuel H. Blackburn as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his exceptional dedication to the betterment of the Glasgow community and best wishes on a happy retirement.

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