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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 259

Offered February 4, 2014

Commending Emmitt B. Marshall.

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WHEREAS, Emmitt B. Marshall, a dedicated public servant and a highly admired leader in the Spotsylvania community, retired from the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors in 2013; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Spotsylvania County, Emmitt Marshall was first elected to the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors in 1980; showing genuine care for his fellow members of the community, he was elected to eight more terms and served for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, the longest-serving member of the Board of Supervisors, Emmitt Marshall was also the only native of Spotsylvania County on the board at the time of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, known as a true gentleman, Emmitt Marshall ran respectful election campaigns, always emphasizing the strength of his own record; today, he counts many former opponents among his friends and supporters; and

WHEREAS, with his helpful demeanor, Emmitt Marshall valued the importance of compromise during his time on the Board of Supervisors; he often formed coalitions to work together for the betterment of the county; and

WHEREAS, Emmitt Marshall witnessed a great deal of change in his storied career; since 1980, the population of Spotsylvania County has more than tripled, and he has served with 32 different fellow supervisors; and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments, Emmitt Marshall proudly recalls his role in the acquisition of the plot of land that would become the Central Park shopping center; he also played a pivotal role in the acquisition of the Bowman Center and encouraged the successful auction of Rappahannock Regional Jail; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Emmitt Marshall intends to spend more time with his supportive wife of 65 years, Viola, his two children, and two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Emmitt Marshall leaves an unmatched legacy of dedication to the community, cooperation with his fellow elected officials, and wise leadership to future members of the Board of Supervisors and the residents of Spotsylvania County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Emmitt B. Marshall, a respected public servant and a well-known member of the Spotsylvania community, on the occasion of his retirement from public office; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Emmitt B. Marshall as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his decades of service to Spotsylvania County and best wishes for a happy retirement.

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