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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 343

Offered February 19, 2014

*Commending Richard Ballengee.*

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WHEREAS, Richard Ballengee, a former teacher and principal and an esteemed longtime public servant in the Town of Christiansburg, completed his final term as the Mayor of Christiansburg in 2013 after years of service to the town; and

WHEREAS, moving to Christiansburg in 1963, Richard Ballengee helped local middle school and high school students prepare for college, careers, and citizenship as an educator and principal for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, desiring to be of further service to the community, Richard Ballengee ran for the Christiansburg Town Council, where he proudly served for 10 years; he was then elected mayor for two consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as mayor, Richard Ballengee guided the town through many changes and implemented visionary programs that benefitted all members of the Christiansburg community; he also strengthened ties with the neighboring Town of Blacksburg; and

WHEREAS, of his many accomplishments, Richard Ballengee is most proud of his crucial role in expanding bus services in Christiansburg; the Go-Anywhere Bus and the Explorer Bus provide affordable public transit alternatives to thousands of residents and visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, Richard Ballengee plans to spend his well-earned retirement traveling with his wife of 58 years, Jo Anne, and visiting his family; and

WHEREAS, through his years of wise leadership, Richard Ballengee leaves a legacy of excellence to future public servants in the Town of Christiansburg; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Richard Ballengee, a dedicated educator, school administrator, and public servant, on the occasion of his retirement as the Mayor of the Town of Christiansburg; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard Ballengee as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his dedicated service to the Town of Christiansburg and the Commonwealth and best wishes on a happy retirement.

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