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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 400

Offered February 28, 2014

Commending the Honorable James P. Moran.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable James P. Moran, an accomplished public servant who ably represented the residents of Virginia's Eighth Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives for 24 years, retires from public office in 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Buffalo, New York, James "Jim" Moran was raised in Massachusetts; after moving to Northern Virginia, he immersed himself in civic life and local politics, joining the Alexandria City Council in 1979 and later serving as mayor of the city; and

WHEREAS, desiring to be of further service to the Commonwealth and the nation, Jim Moran ran for and was elected to the United States House of Representatives; he first took office in 1991 and currently represents the residents of the Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church, Arlington County, and portions of Fairfax County in Virginia's Eighth Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, proudly serving for 12 terms, Jim Moran rose to a leadership position, becoming a senior member on the Committee on Appropriations and the chairman and then ranking member on the Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Moran also serves as the cochairman of the Congressional Prevention Coalition and the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus and the head of the Task Force on Sovereign Wealth Funds; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Moran worked to enact important legislation on a wide range of issues, including regional transportation, the environment, women's rights, technology, and fair and open trade; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Moran has been a positive force in Northern Virginia, working to protect federal employees and military retirees, supporting investments in the region's defense and technology sectors, and funding the replacement of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, an admired leader in the House of Representatives, Congressman Moran formed the New Democratic Coalition in the 1990s; the group works to support fiscal responsibility, free and fair trade, technology and innovation, defense issues, and American economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Moran is the proud father of four outstanding and accomplished children, Mary, Jimmy, Patrick, and Dorothy; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity, Congressman Moran has served the Northern Virginia community, the Commonwealth, and the nation with great dedication and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable James P. Moran, a respected public servant, on the occasion of his retirement as a member of the United States House of Representatives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable James P. Moran as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his decades of exceptional service.

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