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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 403

Offered February 28, 2014

*Commending Earnie Porta.*

Patron—Torian

WHEREAS, Earnie Porta, an outstanding public servant in Prince William County, steps down as Mayor of the Town of Occoquan in 2014; and

WHEREAS, first elected mayor in 2006, Earnie Porta has worked diligently to promote and enhance the Town of Occoquan for four terms; and

WHEREAS, Earnie Porta also donates his time and talents to many civic and service organizations; he is a founding member of Occoquan River Communities, Inc., and sits on the board of Prince William Historic Preservation Foundation, Historic Prince William, and the Optimists International Club of Occoquan-Woodbridge-Neabsco; and

WHEREAS, Earnie Porta offers his leadership and experience to the Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition, the Occoquan Historical Society, the Prince William Public Library System Foundation, and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association; and

WHEREAS, Earnie Porta is a member of the prestigious Prince William Committee of 100, and he authored a book on Occoquan in Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America* series; and

WHEREAS, Earnie Porta earned bachelor's and law degrees from Georgetown University and a master's degree from George Mason University, from which he received the 2006 Josephine Pacheco Award and the 2009 Roy Rosenzweig Alumnus of the Year Award; he is currently a doctoral candidate at Georgetown University; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Earnie Porta for his exceptional service on the occasion of his retirement as Mayor of the Town of Occoquan; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Earnie Porta as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his leadership and dedication to the Occoquan community and best wishes on future endeavors.

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