HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 412

Commending John F. Long, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 5, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 2014

WHEREAS, John F. Long, Jr., a respected longtime public servant in the Town of Broadway and Rockingham County, retired as the Mayor of Broadway in 2014; and

WHEREAS, joining the Town Planning Commission at the age of 27, John Long has served the region in appointed or elected offices for three decades; beginning in September 1980, John Long was a member of the Broadway Town Council for 15 years and has served as mayor for the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, admired for his poise and keen intellect, Mayor Long is known for carefully considering different viewpoints and building consensus for the betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Long has worked diligently to help the Broadway community grow, overseeing the construction of Heritage Park, renovations to the Community Park and pool, the acquisition of the regional wastewater facility, and the construction of the Veterans Wall and Farmers Market lot; and

WHEREAS, with Mayor Long's guidance and leadership, the Town of Broadway has thrived, earning recognition from the Virginia Municipal League, VML Insurance Programs, the Virginia Institute of Government, the Valley Conservation Council, and the Virginia Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, John Long has been a dedicated employee of Lantz Construction Company for more than 30 years, and he currently serves as the vice president of estimating; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John F. Long, Jr., the highly admired longtime Mayor of the Town of Broadway, on the occasion of his retirement from public office in 2014; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John F. Long, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his wise leadership and contributions to the Town of Broadway and Rockingham County.