

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 443

Commending the Honorable Joe T. May.

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

Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 2014

WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe T. May, an accomplished businessman and respected professional engineer, ably represented the residents of the 33rd District in the Virginia House of Delegates for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Broadway, Joe May served his country in the United States Army from 1955 to 1958, then earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1962; and

WHEREAS, a successful and admired businessman, Joe May founded Electronic Instrumentation and Technology, LLC, with his wife, Bobby, in 1977; today, the company provides electronics manufacturing and engineering services for a variety of industries; and

WHEREAS, known for his drive and keen intellect, Joe May holds 22 patents, including for a signature reproduction machine, an instrument for measuring railroad tracks, and an instrument for measuring the octane rating of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, desiring to be of service to the Commonwealth, Joe May ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates; he took office in 1994 and represented the residents of the Counties of Clarke, Frederick, and Loudoun for 10 terms; and

WHEREAS, Delegate May worked to enact important legislation, and he offered his wisdom and experience to the Committee on Appropriations, where he served as the chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee, and the Committee on Transportation; he proudly helped establish and served as a member and the chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology; and

WHEREAS, Delegate May was the driving force behind many of the Commonwealth's technology laws, including the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act, the Uniform Computer Transaction Act, and electronic privacy and anti-identity theft bills; for 12 years, he chaired the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, which has earned admiration nationwide for its innovative policies and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, while on the Committee on Transportation, Delegate May authored or co-authored many well-known initiatives, including the 2013 transportation funding bill and legislation that put the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport at Wallops Flight Facility at the forefront of the growing commercial space transportation industry; and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments, Delegate May helped pass the Rural Rustic Road Program, which has allowed the Department of Transportation to improve the surfaces of low-volume rural roads while maintaining the roads' traditional ambience; and

WHEREAS, Delegate May helped establish many of the Commonwealth's transportation technology laws, including laws related to texting and driving, cell phone use, electronic toll collection, and traffic radar; and

WHEREAS, working to strengthen the future of the Commonwealth, Delegate May supported science, technology, mathematics, and engineering education activities and initiatives, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars program; and

WHEREAS, as one of only two registered professional engineers in the General Assembly, Delegate May brought innovative ways of thinking and an analytical approach to problem solving; and

WHEREAS, understanding and responding to many different constituencies in his district, Delegate May helped the business and technology industries in Loudoun County thrive, while maintaining the rural atmosphere of the western part of the county; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in the community, Delegate May volunteers his time as a judge for local history and science fairs, and an umpire for Little League baseball games; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Delegate May has been married to his wife, Bobby, for more than 50 years, and together they raised two daughters, Beth and Elaine; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Delegate May has served the community, the Commonwealth, and the nation with dedication and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Joe T. May, a highly respected businessman and professional engineer, for 20 years of service to the Commonwealth as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution

for presentation to the Honorable Joe T. May as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his leadership and dedication.