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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 446

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Commending John Wells.

Patrons—Minchew and LaRock; Senators: Black and Wexton

WHEREAS, John Wells, a dedicated and effective public servant, who has admirably served as Leesburg Town Manager since 2004, will retire in October 2014; and

WHEREAS, John Wells has served the people of Leesburg and Loudoun County with diligence and responsibility; during his tenure as town manager, Leesburg grew to become the largest town in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, as Leesburg Town Manager, John Wells is the town's chief executive officer; he supervises public works, public safety, utilities, planning and development, airport operations, parks and recreation, and all other town functions; and

WHEREAS, a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, John Wells earned degrees from Gannon University and the University of Pittsburgh; he worked in Pennsylvania and California before starting work for Loudoun County in 1982 as a budget analyst; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, John Wells was appointed budget director for Loudoun County, and in 1991, he became deputy county administrator; his experience in county government has stood him in good stead in his work as town manager for Leesburg, which is the county seat of Loudoun; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Leesburg received the Strategic Leadership and Governance Award for Virginia's Land Development Process Improvement Program from the International City/County Management Association; John Wells had played a major role in revising Leesburg's land development process; and

WHEREAS, under the management of John Wells, the Town of Leesburg received the 2013 Virginia Municipal League Achievement Award that honored the Town's long-term financial sustainability plan, as well as the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)'s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2014 budget; and

WHEREAS, John Wells also is a member of the Virginia Local Government Management Association; he is a graduate of LEAD Virginia and Leadership Loudoun and he also received an award for public service from Shenandoah University; and

WHEREAS, John Wells has been actively involved in church, youth, and civic organizations; in retirement, he and his wife, Debbie, plan to travel by recreational vehicle across the country visiting their three grown children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John Wells, a dedicated and effective public servant, who has admirably served as Leesburg Town Manager since 2004 and who will retire in October 2014; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John Wells as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation and admiration for his many contributions and years of service to the people of Leesburg, Loudoun County, and the Commonwealth.

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