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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 455

Offered March 3, 2014

*Commending Raymond Lee Richards.*

Patrons—Toscano; Senator: Deeds

WHEREAS, Raymond Lee Richards, a dedicated public servant and the longtime Commissioner of Revenue in the City of Charlottesville, retired from public office in 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Charlottesville, Lee Richards served his country in the United States Marine Corps; he began a long and successful career as a public servant with the Charlottesville Treasurer's Office in 1974 as an account clerk; and

WHEREAS, building a reputation as a helpful and well-rounded professional, Lee Richards was appointed in 1979 as city license inspector and auditor of business and professional licenses; and

WHEREAS, from 1979 to 1994, Lee Richards held a variety of positions within the office of the Commissioner of Revenue, including administrative specialist and inspector; and

WHEREAS, elected as the Commissioner of Revenue in 1994, Lee Richards ably served the people of Charlottesville and used innovative practices to increase efficiency; under his leadership, the office began helping citizens prepare and file state tax returns free of charge; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to the well-being of his fellow Charlottesville residents, Lee Richards went above and beyond in service to the community; he visited senior citizens to help them fill out paperwork for the real estate tax relief program and worked with small businesses to help them succeed; and

WHEREAS, Lee Richards leaves a legacy of excellence to future commissioners of revenue and other public servants throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Raymond Lee Richards, a respected public servant and the former Commissioner of Revenue for the City of Charlottesville, on the occasion of his retirement from public office; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Raymond Lee Richards as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding service to the community and the Commonwealth.

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