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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

Offered February 17, 2014

Commending the Honorable Robert Tata.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert Tata, a loyal public servant who ably represented the residents of Kempsville and surrounding areas of Virginia Beach in the Virginia House of Delegates for almost 30 years, retired from public office in 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Detroit, Michigan, Robert "Bob" Tata earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia, where he played football and baseball; he honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Bob Tata served the Norfolk community as an educator, counselor, and athletics coach at several high schools in the area; he was an assistant coach at the University of Virginia before becoming the head coach of the Norview High School football team, which achieved more than 100 wins and several district championship titles; and

WHEREAS, desiring to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Bob Tata ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1984, where he represented the residents of the 85th District for 14 terms; he attained a leadership position, becoming the Chamber's senior ranking Republican member; and

WHEREAS, throughout his time in office, Delegate Tata worked to enact important legislation; he played a prominent role in efforts to repeal Virginia's estate tax in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Tata rose to become Chairman of the Committee on Education; he also offered his wisdom and experience to the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations, where he chaired the Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Tata served on the P-16 Education Council and the Civics Education Committee; he also served as the Virginia House of Delegates' representative to the Virginia High School League; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Bob Tata served the Kempsville community, the Commonwealth, and the nation with dedication and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Honorable Robert Tata, a deeply admired public servant, hereby be commended 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 the Honorable Robert Tata as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his many years of dedicated service.

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