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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5199

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Commending the Honorable Robert H. Brink.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert H. Brink, a loyal public servant and a true gentleman, ably represented the residents of the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" H. Brink worked to enhance the Arlington County community as an activist and civic servant for more than two decades, sitting on the local school board and the Arlington County Board of Supervisors' fiscal affairs and transportation advisory panels; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brink served as counsel to two congressional committees for more than 15 years and was appointed the deputy assistant attorney general for legislative affairs at the U.S. Department of Justice in 1993; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Bob Brink ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates; taking office in 1998, he represented the residents of the 48th District for eight terms; and

WHEREAS, throughout his time in office, Bob Brink worked to enact numerous important pieces of legislation, and he became the 13th most-senior member of the Virginia House of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brink played a crucial role in the financial stewardship of the Commonwealth on the Committee on Appropriations, where he proudly supported the formation of Virginia's Children's Health Insurance Plan; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brink also offered his leadership and wisdom as the ranking Democrat on the Committee on Privileges and Elections and a member of the Committee on Transportation; and

WHEREAS, among his proudest accomplishments, Bob Brink successfully led efforts to increase funding for teachers of blind students, ensuring that blind and low-vision students in the Commonwealth receive a high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brink earned numerous awards and accolades for his good work, including recognition from the National Federation of the Blind of Virginia and conservation groups; he helped inspire a passion for public service in a generation of future leaders by heading the Virginia YMCA Model General Assembly Program board; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Bob Brink served the Commonwealth and the Arlington County and Fairfax County communities 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 Robert H. Brink for his achievements in service to the Commonwealth as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for 17 years; 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 H. Brink as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his service to the residents of Arlington County and Fairfax County and to the Commonwealth.

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