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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 723

Offered January 30, 2015

*Commending Arthur S. Warren.*

Patrons—Robinson, Carr, Cox, Ingram, Loupassi, McQuinn and Ware; Senators: Martin and Watkins

WHEREAS, Arthur S. Warren, a dedicated public servant who has ably served the citizens of Chesterfield County for 27 years, retires from the Board of Supervisors in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Arthur "Art" Warren was first elected to the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors in 1991, representing the Clover Hill District; previously, he had been a member of the Chesterfield Planning Commission for four years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, Art Warren was elected as board chair seven times; he also has chaired the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission and the Richmond Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, Art Warren's influence and guidance extend beyond Chesterfield County; he has served the people of greater Richmond with distinction in many areas, including 23 years as a member—and former chair—of the Capital Region Airport Commission; and

WHEREAS, Art Warren has been a board member for the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Coalition of High Growth Communities, and the Richmond Region Tourism bureau; he also was appointed to the Greater Richmond Partnership, Inc., in 2000, and was chair of the group's board of directors in 2006 - 2007; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Art Warren is the former executive director of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission and director of planning for the Crater Planning District Commission; and

WHEREAS, Chesterfield County has enjoyed a period of great growth during Art Warren's tenure on the Board of Supervisors; the real estate tax rate has fallen and credit-rating agencies awarded the county a top-tier AAA bond rating; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, Art Warren helped oversee the construction of 20 schools, seven fire stations, police precincts, and specialty schools supported by voters in bond referendums; and

WHEREAS, during Art Warren's tenure on the Board of Supervisors, 43,000 new jobs were added in Chesterfield County, the population grew by 120,000, and the number of students attending county schools increased by 15,000; and

WHEREAS, Art Warren provided leadership and continuity as Chesterfield County was forced to make significant budget reductions due to the nationwide recession; and

WHEREAS, other members of the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors often relied on Art Warren to provide guidance and insight; they also respected his tireless work to maintain the county's quality of life during a period of great change and growth; and

WHEREAS, as manager of radiological emergency response preparedness for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Art Warren works with staff at all nuclear facilities in the Commonwealth and has conducted many training sessions on homeland security; and

WHEREAS, Art Warren was appointed by three governors to be state liaison officer to the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission; he also has served on numerous other boards and commissions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Arthur S. Warren, a dedicated public servant, for his many years of service as a member and former chair of the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Arthur S. Warren as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and appreciation for his commitment and unswerving dedication to the people of Chesterfield County, the greater Richmond region, and the Commonwealth.

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