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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 254

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2 3 Commending G. E. Via III. 4

Patrons—Fowler, Peace and Spruill; Senator: McDougle

6 WHEREAS, G. E. Via III, who represented the citizens of Ashland for 28 years as an appointed and
7 elected official and most recently served on the Hanover County Board of Supervisors, retired in 2015;
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9 WHEREAS, G. E. "Ed" Via's experience in local government is extensive; he served on the Hanover
10 County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for 16 years and then was a member of the
11 Hanover County Planning Commission for four years, representing the Ashland District; and

WHEREAS, desiring to be of further service to the people of Ashland, in 2007 Ed Via was elected
to the Hanover County Board of Supervisors; he was vice chair of the board in 2009 and served as
board chair in 2010 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, Ed Via was a member of several committees of the Hanover County Board of
Supervisors, including the Legislative Committee and the Rules Committee, and was an alternate
member of the Joint Education Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, Ed Via worked for the betterment of the area as Hanover County's representative to the
19 Hanover and Ashland Liaison Committee and as a board member of the Capital Region Airport
20 Commission and Richmond Region Tourism; he also served as an alternate member of the Capital
21 Region Taxicab Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Ed Via offered sage guidance as a member of the Hanover County Social Services
Advisory Board and the board of directors of Sports Backers; he has endeavored to fulfill the county's
vision to be a premier community where people and businesses can achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Ed Via is a graduate of John Marshall High School and North Carolina WesleyanCollege; and

27 WHEREAS, as a dedicated and loyal public official, Ed Via has ably served the people of Hanover
28 County during a period of change and growth, demonstrating integrity and professionalism; now,
29 therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
 commend G. E. Via III for his many years of service to the people of Ashland and Hanover County on
 the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
 for presentation to G. E. Via III as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for
 his many years of public service to the people of Ashland and Hanover County.