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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 303

Offered February 16, 2016

*Commending James J. L. Stegmaier.*

Patrons—Cox, Aird, Carr, Ingram, Loupassi, McClellan, McQuinn, O'Bannon, Robinson and Ware;  
 Senators: Chase, Dance, McDougale and Sturtevant

WHEREAS, James J. L. Stegmaier, who has admirably led Chesterfield County since 2007 as county administrator, and has guided it with skill and vision into a new era of entrepreneurial government, will retire on July 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, James J. L. "Jay" Stegmaier first started working for Chesterfield County in 1979; he is a graduate of The Catholic University of America and received a master's degree from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Jay Stegmaier first worked for the Department of Budget and Management for Chesterfield County and became director of the office in 1986; he then served as deputy county administrator for management services beginning in 1997 and was appointed to the county's top position in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the population of Chesterfield has greatly increased since Jay Stegmaier began working for the suburban county; in 1970, the population was 77,000, and in 2016, the estimated population of Chesterfield County is 337,000, making it the largest locality in Central Virginia; and

WHEREAS, as county administrator, Jay Stegmaier is responsible for managing the daily operations of county government and reports to the five elected members of the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors; he supervises 3,535 full-time employees and oversees a \$1.2 billion budget; and

WHEREAS, Chesterfield County has moved forward on many fronts during Jay Stegmaier's tenure; voters approved a \$350 million bond referendum for improvements to school facilities and emergency communications systems, and the county also holds a top debt rating from national bond-rating agencies; and

WHEREAS, economic development in Chesterfield County has occurred at a swift pace while Jay Stegmaier has been county administrator; Sabra Dipping Co., LLC, and amazon.com have established operations in the county; a major shopping mall has been redeveloped; and long-established firms have expanded, including Maruchan Virginia, Inc., E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Evonik Industries, and Honeywell International Inc.; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Jay Stegmaier helped secure a \$2 billion investment from Shandong Tranlin Paper Co., Ltd., to open a plant in Chesterfield County; by 2020, the company expects to have 2,000 employees at the site; and

WHEREAS, Jay Stegmaier has contributed his time and talents to many organizations; he is chair of the Appomattox River Water Authority and serves on the boards of the South Central Wastewater Authority, Virginia Biotechnology Research Park, United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg, First Tee of Greater Richmond Golf Course, and Leadership Metro Richmond, and he served as a member of the Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center Community Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Jay Stegmaier employs a collaborative management style, focusing on serving the community and those with whom he works; he leads by example and has tirelessly devoted his professional life to the betterment of Chesterfield County and Central Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend James J. L. Stegmaier, county administrator for Chesterfield County, on the occasion of his retirement in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James J. L. Stegmaier as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for his outstanding accomplishments and many years of public service to the people and businesses of Chesterfield County and the Commonwealth.

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