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## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67**

Offered March 4, 2016

3 Commending Melissa S. Peacor. 4

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WHEREAS, in 2016, Melissa S. Peacor retires as county executive for Prince William County after 30 years of dedicated service to the community; and

8 WHEREAS, Melissa Peacor began her career with Prince William County in 1985 in the Planning 9 Office; over the years, she served as the county's first strategic planning coordinator, budget director, 10 assistant county executive, and deputy county executive; and

WHEREAS, after a national search, Melissa Peacor was appointed by the Prince William County 11 Board of Supervisors as county executive in 2010; she has been a staunch advocate for efficient local 12 13 government and earned recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association for her budgeting initiatives; and 14

WHEREAS, under Melissa Peacor's leadership, Prince William County earned a AAA bond rating 15 16 from all three major credit rating agencies for the first time in its history; she oversaw responsible growth that helped to strengthen and enhance the future of Prince William County; and 17

WHEREAS, Melissa Peacor increased transparency in local government and encouraged citizen input 18 19 and participation, initiating the county's first citizen-based strategic planning process and an annual 20 citizen survey; and

21 WHEREAS, earning the respect of both peers and employees, Melissa Peacor built and sustained a positive workplace culture in Prince William County government, with 91 percent of county employees 22 23 reporting high levels of workplace satisfaction during her tenure; and

24 WHEREAS, Melissa Peacor strove to inspire a new generation of local government professionals by 25 increasing diversity in county offices and actively encouraging citizens to take part in local government; 26 now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Melissa S. Peacor hereby be commended on the 28 occasion of her retirement as county executive of Prince William County; and, be it

29 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Melissa S. Peacor as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her 30 exemplary service to the residents of Prince William County. 31

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